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(54) **GROUP PERFORMANCE MONITORING SYSTEM AND METHOD**

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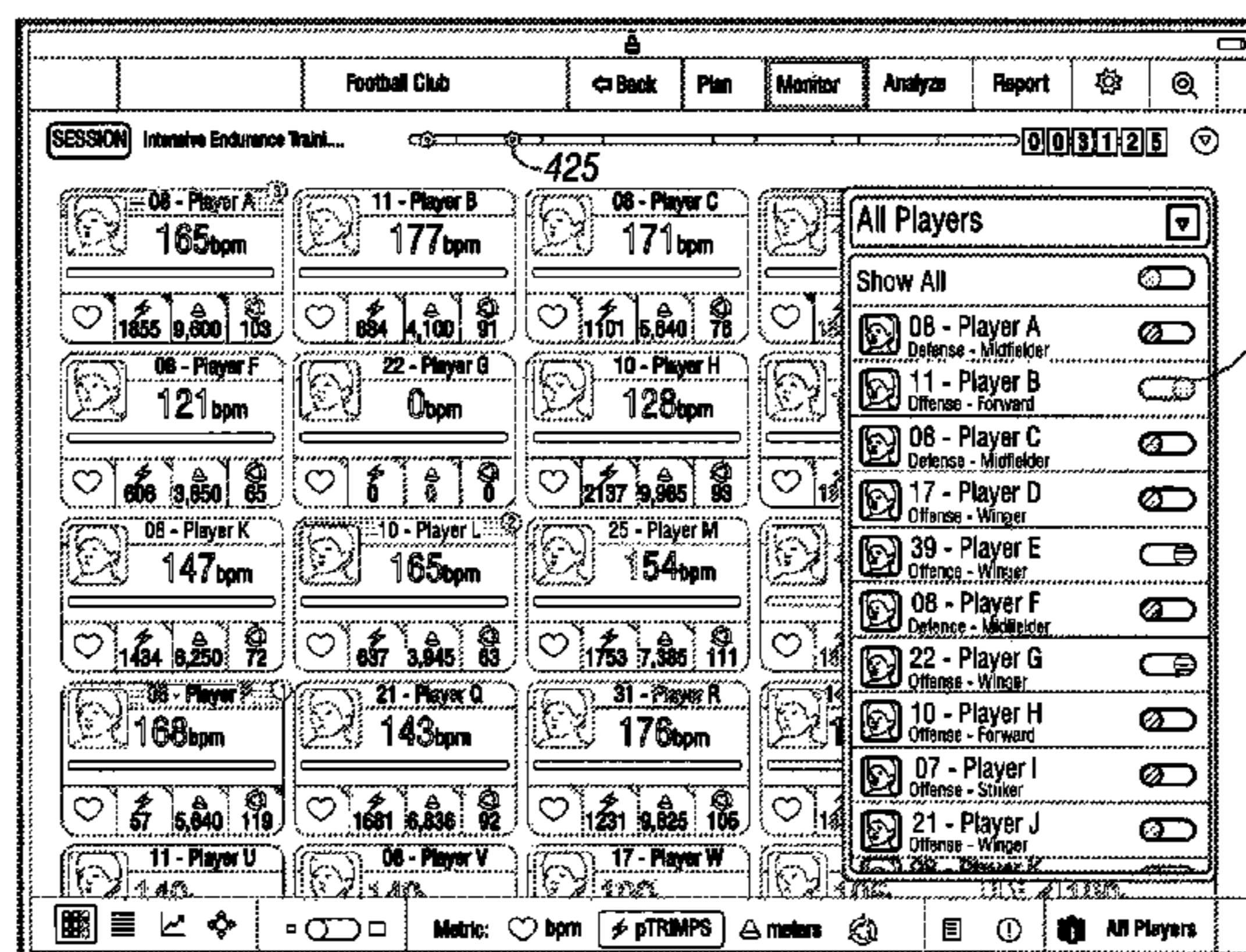
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(57) **ABSTRACT**

The present invention provides a group monitoring device for monitoring a plurality of individuals engaged in an athletic activity, the device including a display configured to display, during an athletic activity: a metric relating to each of a plurality of individuals engaged in the athletic activity, and a status of a system component used to monitor the athletic activity. The group monitoring device may also include an input configured to allow manipulation of the display.

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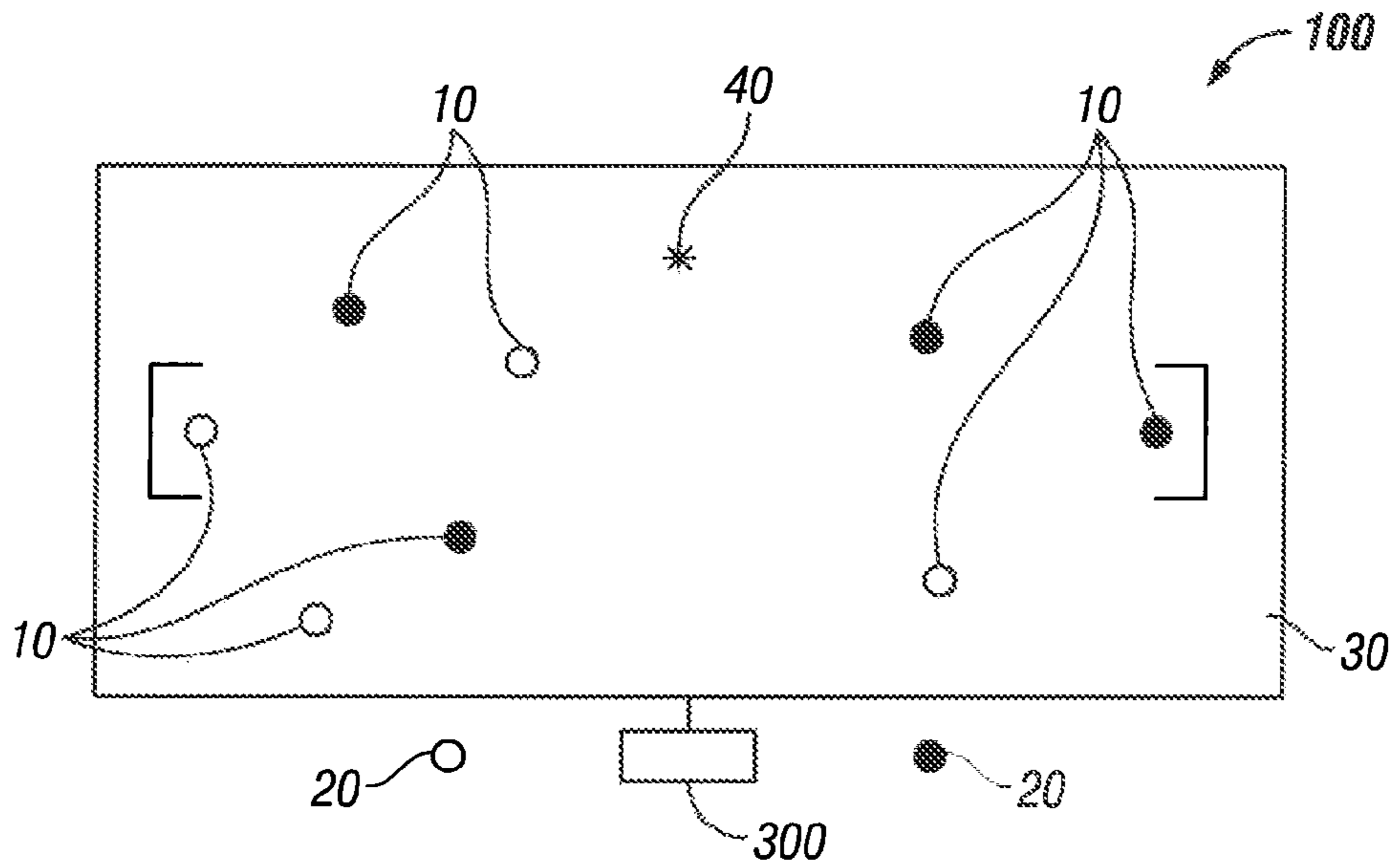


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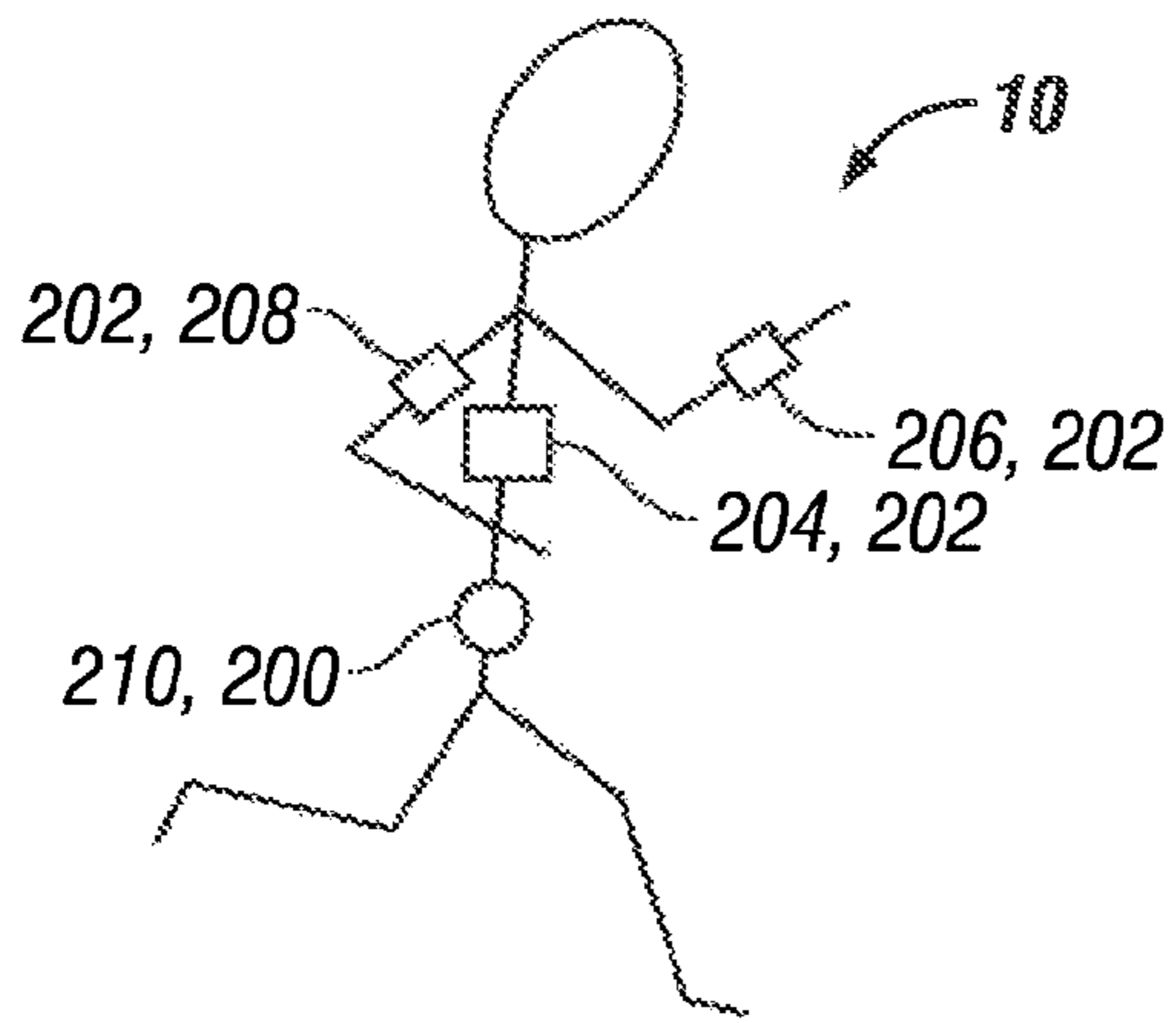


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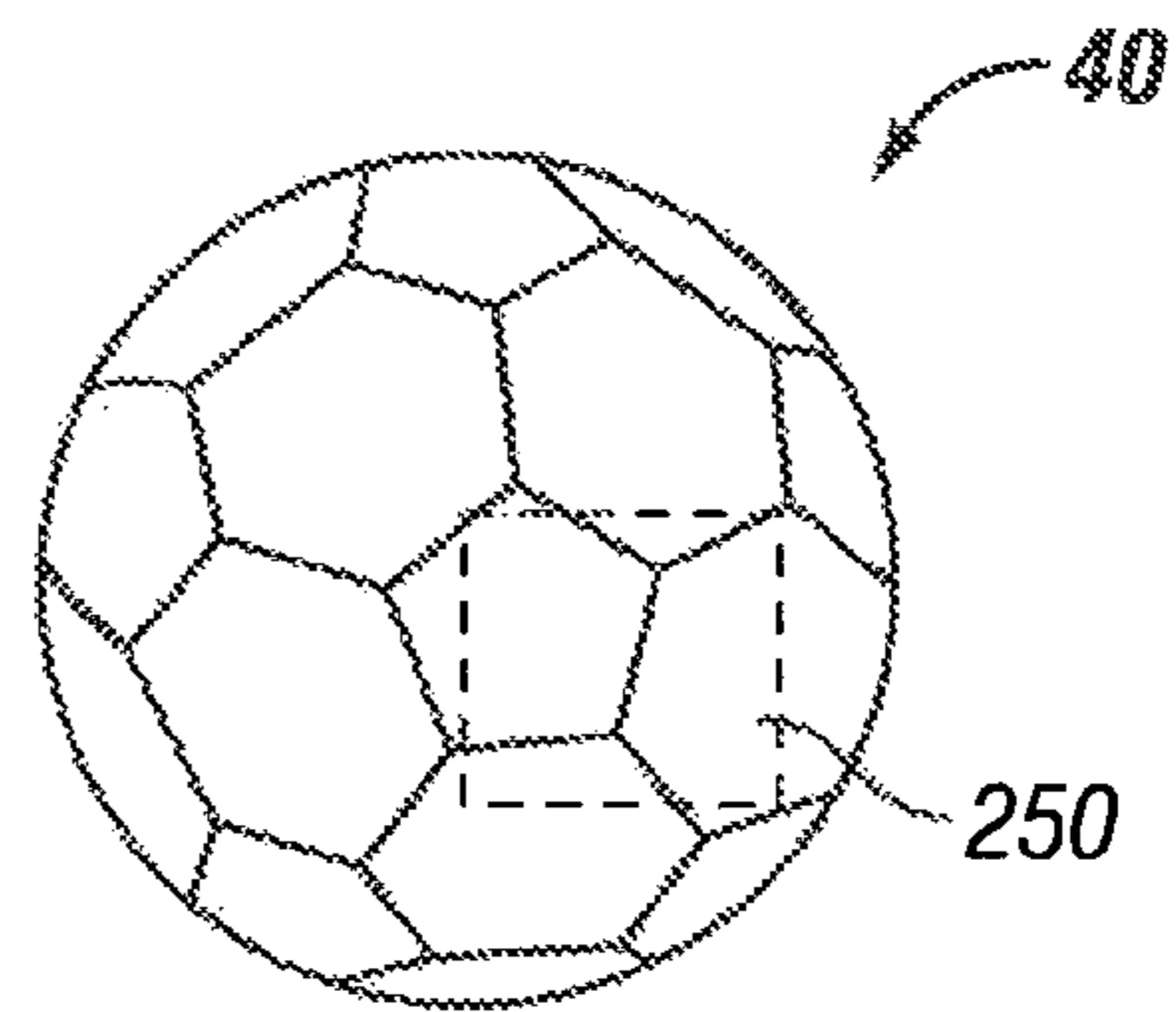


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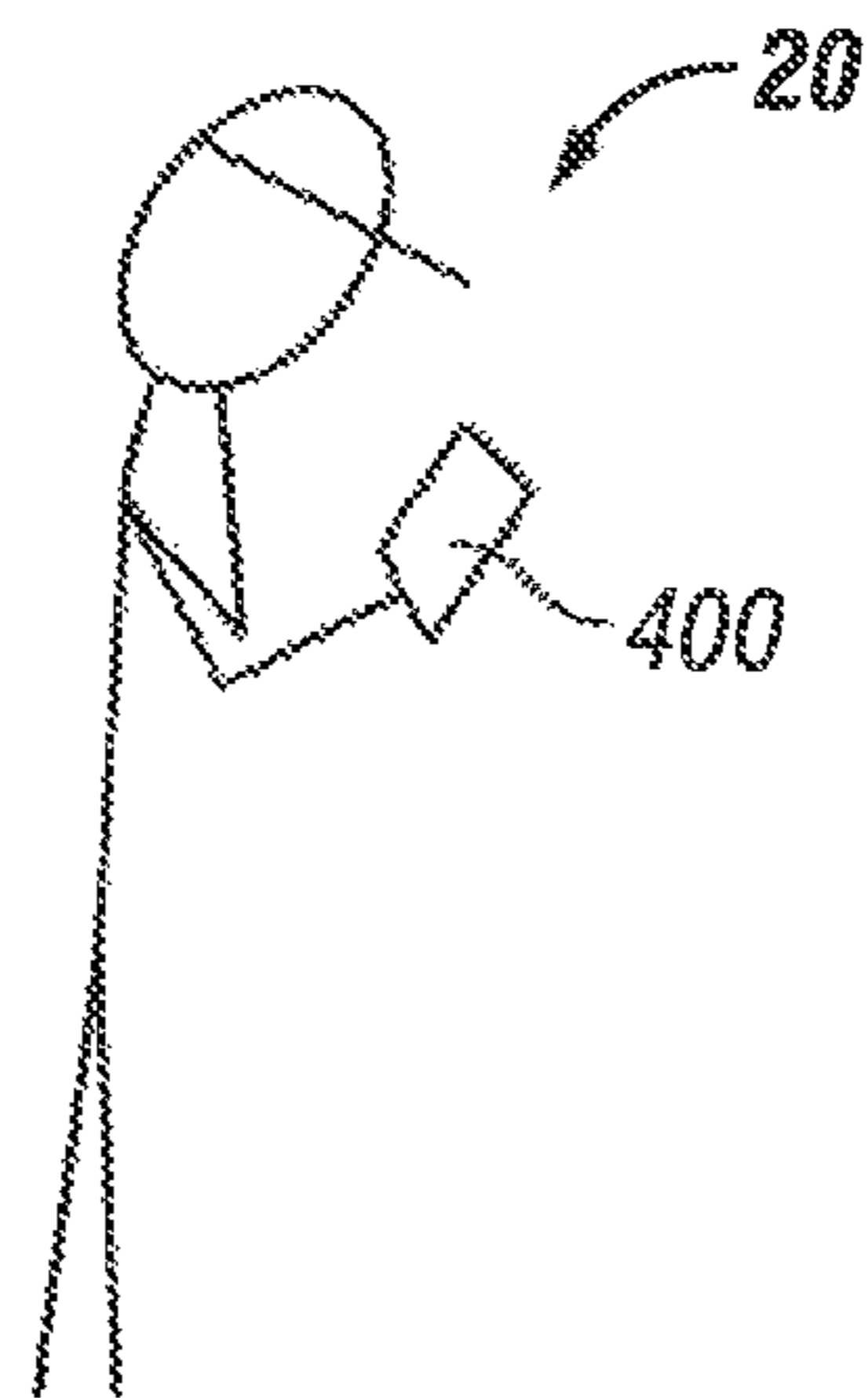


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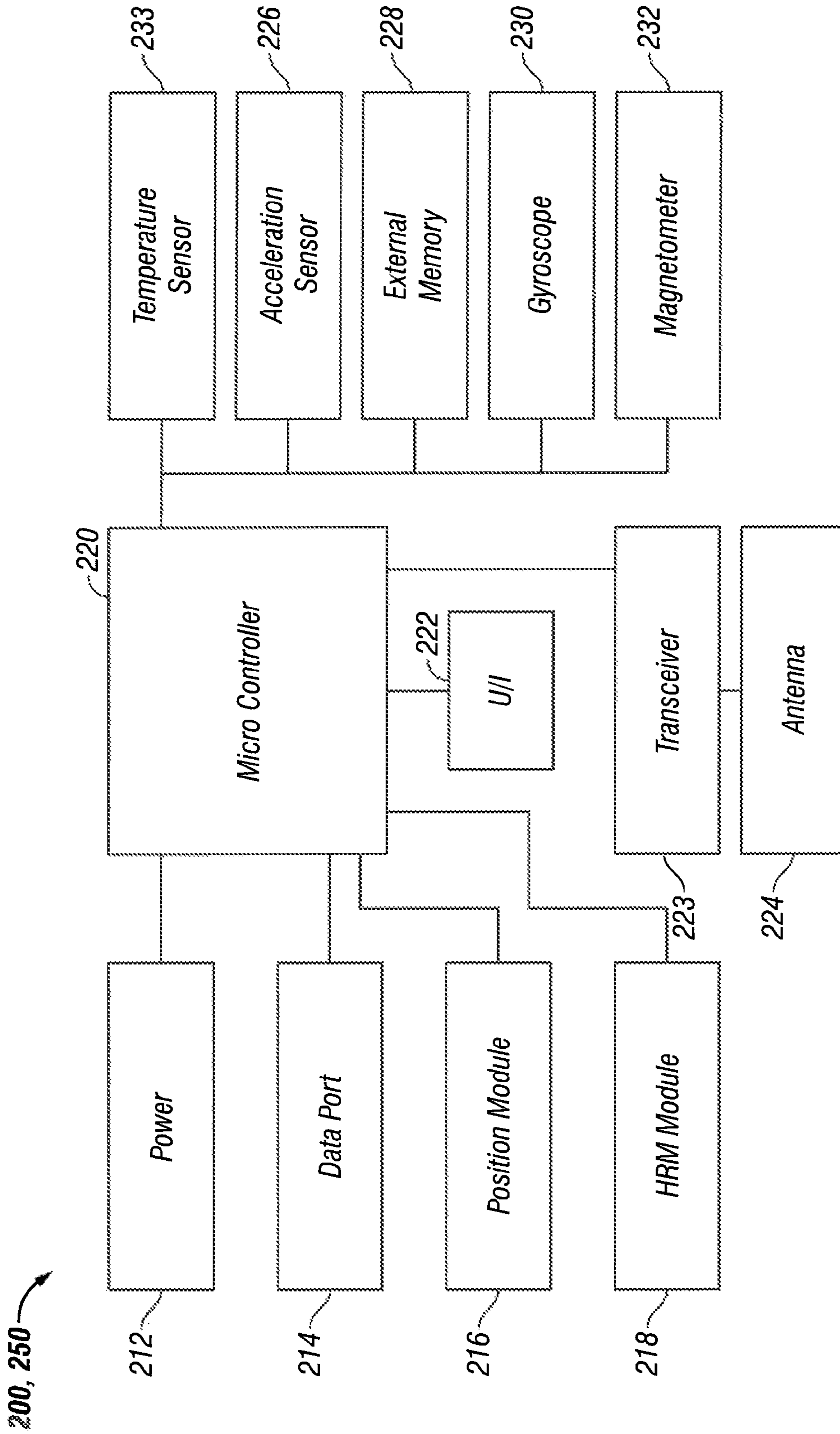


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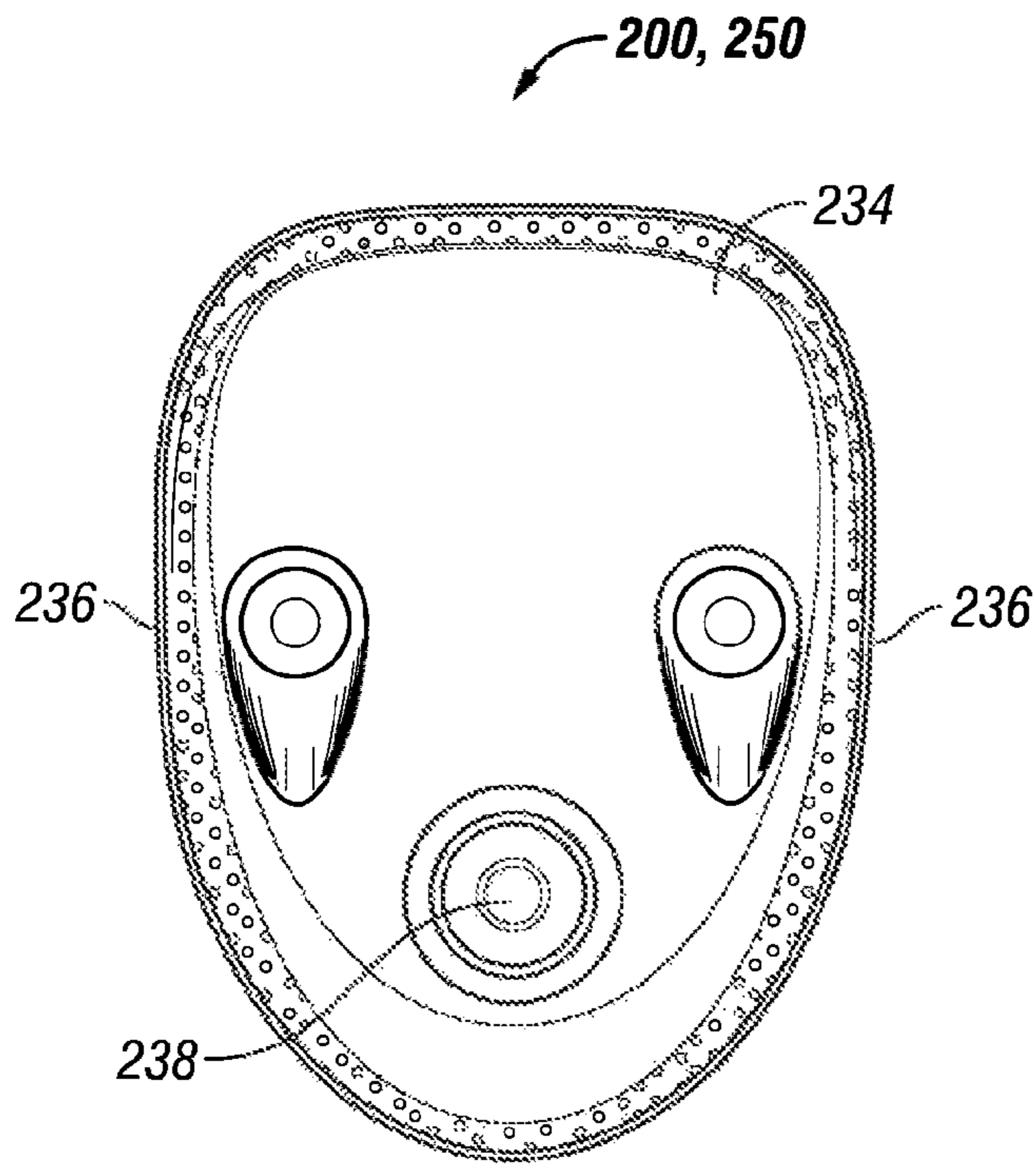


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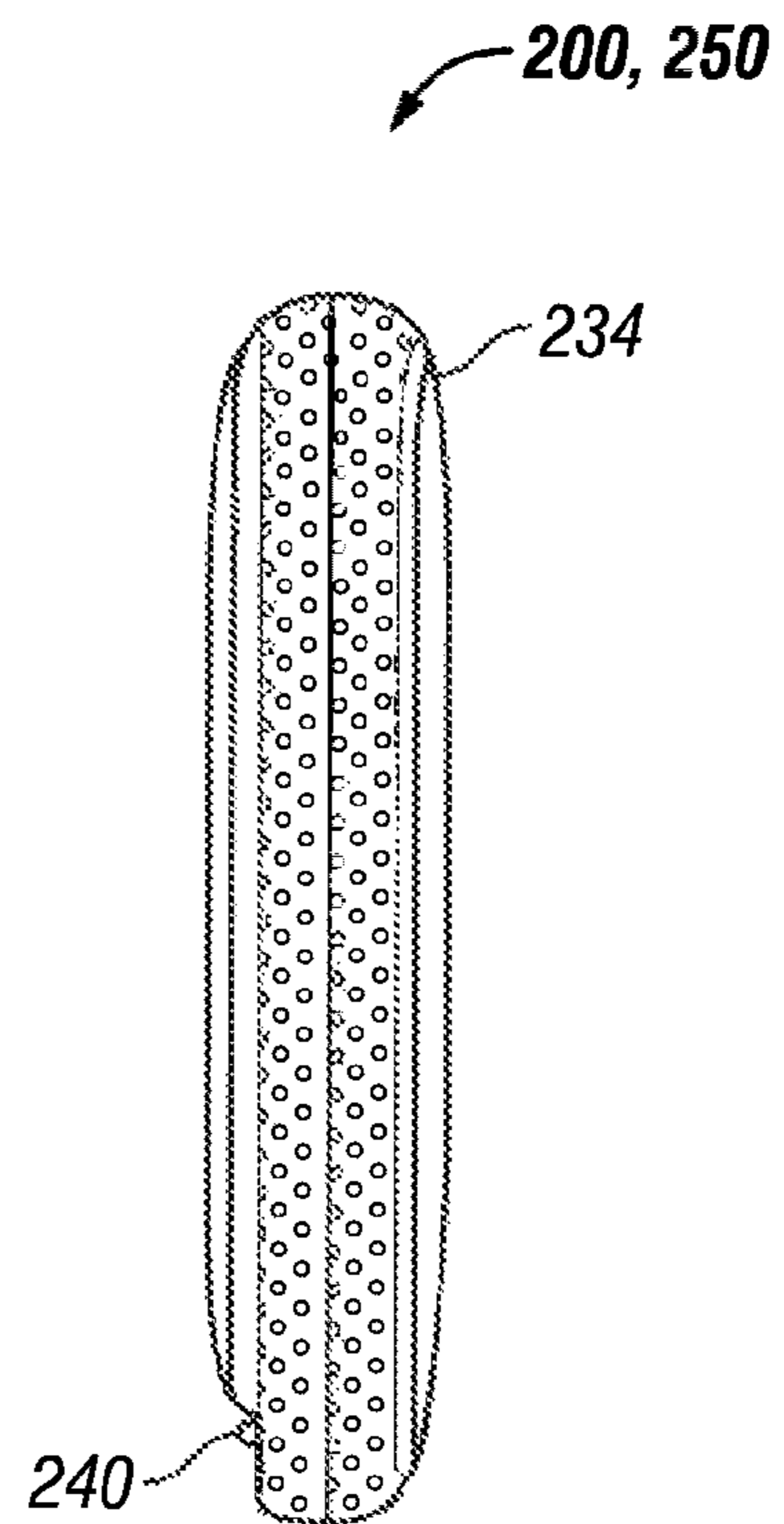


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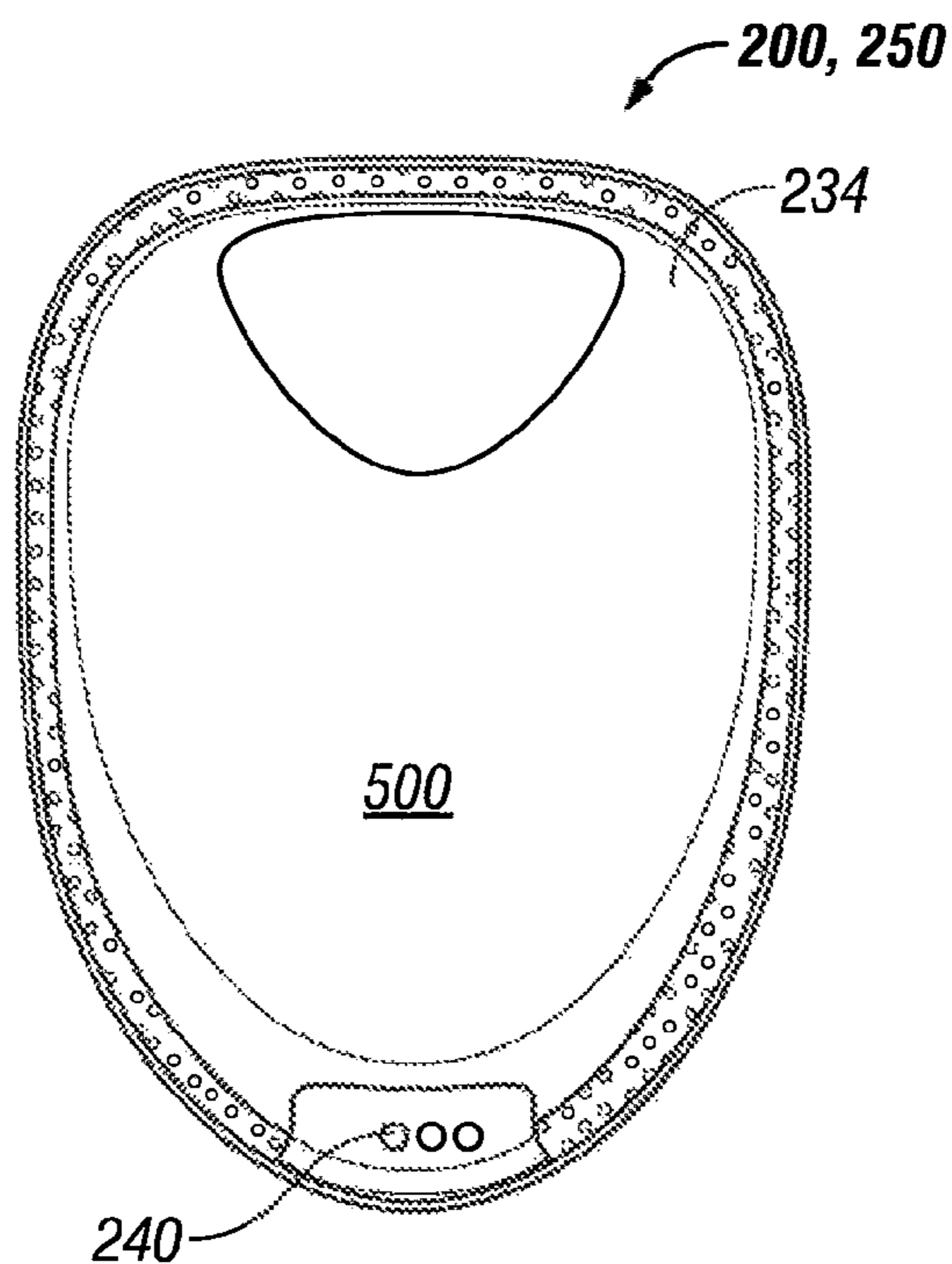


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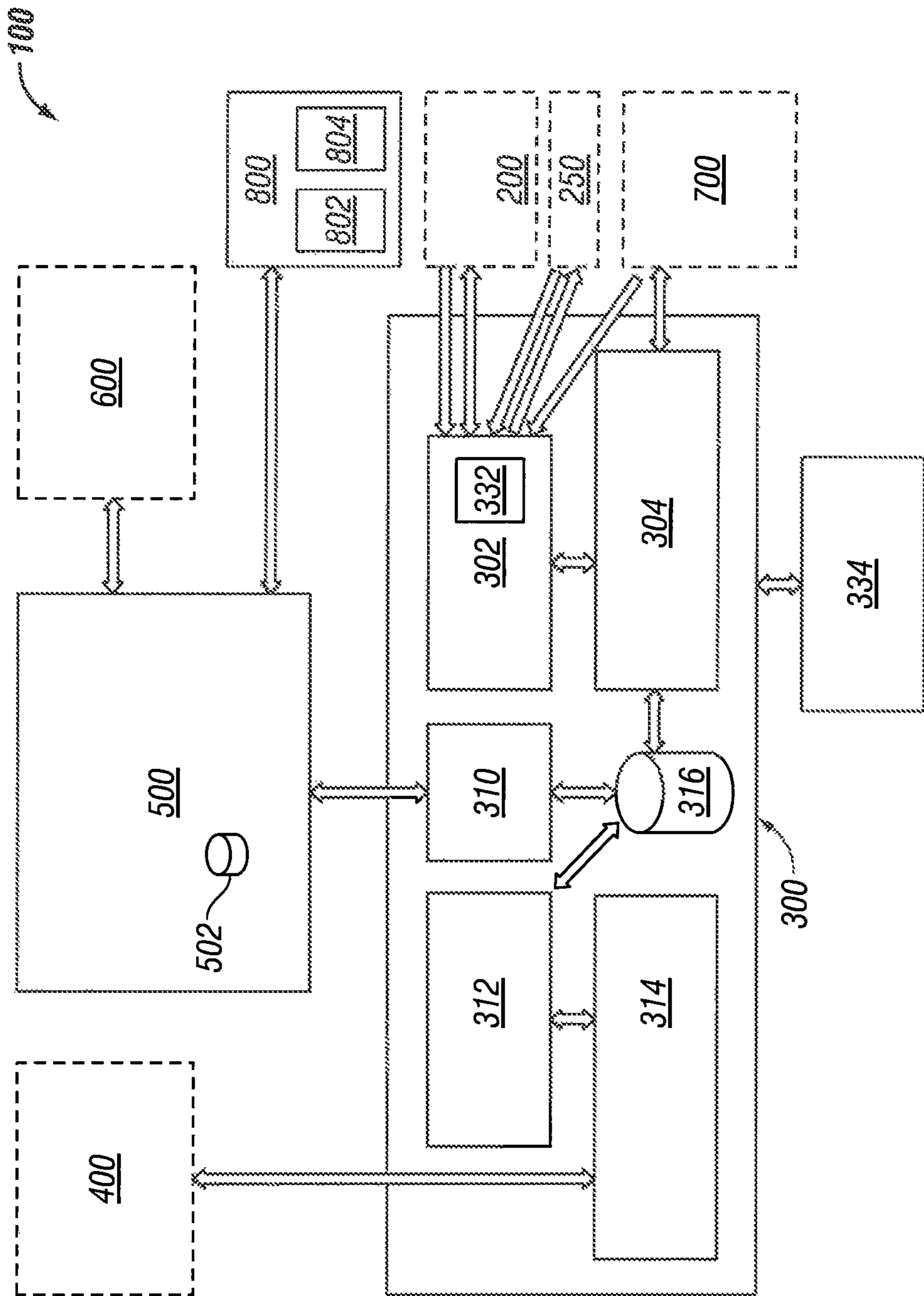


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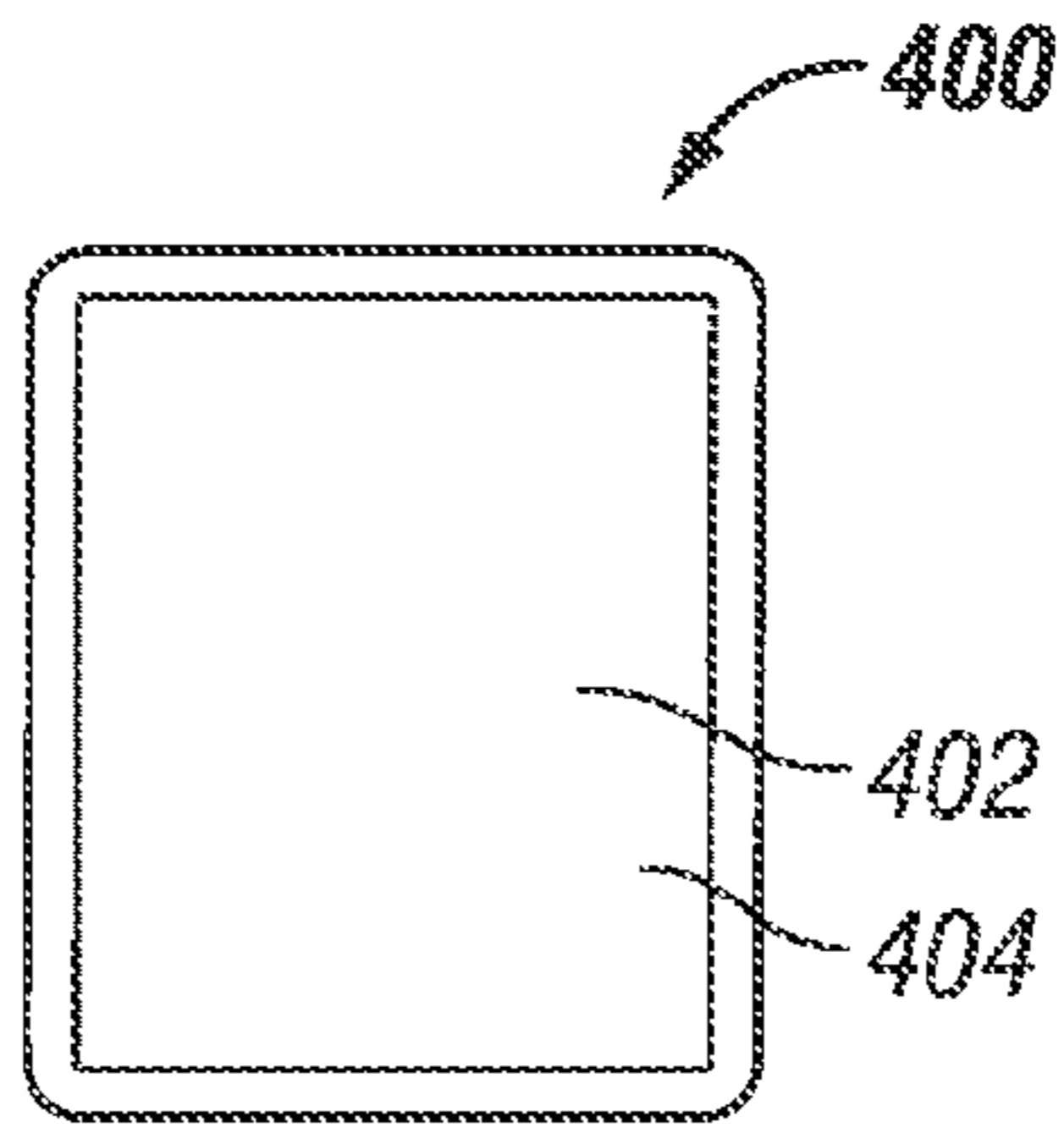


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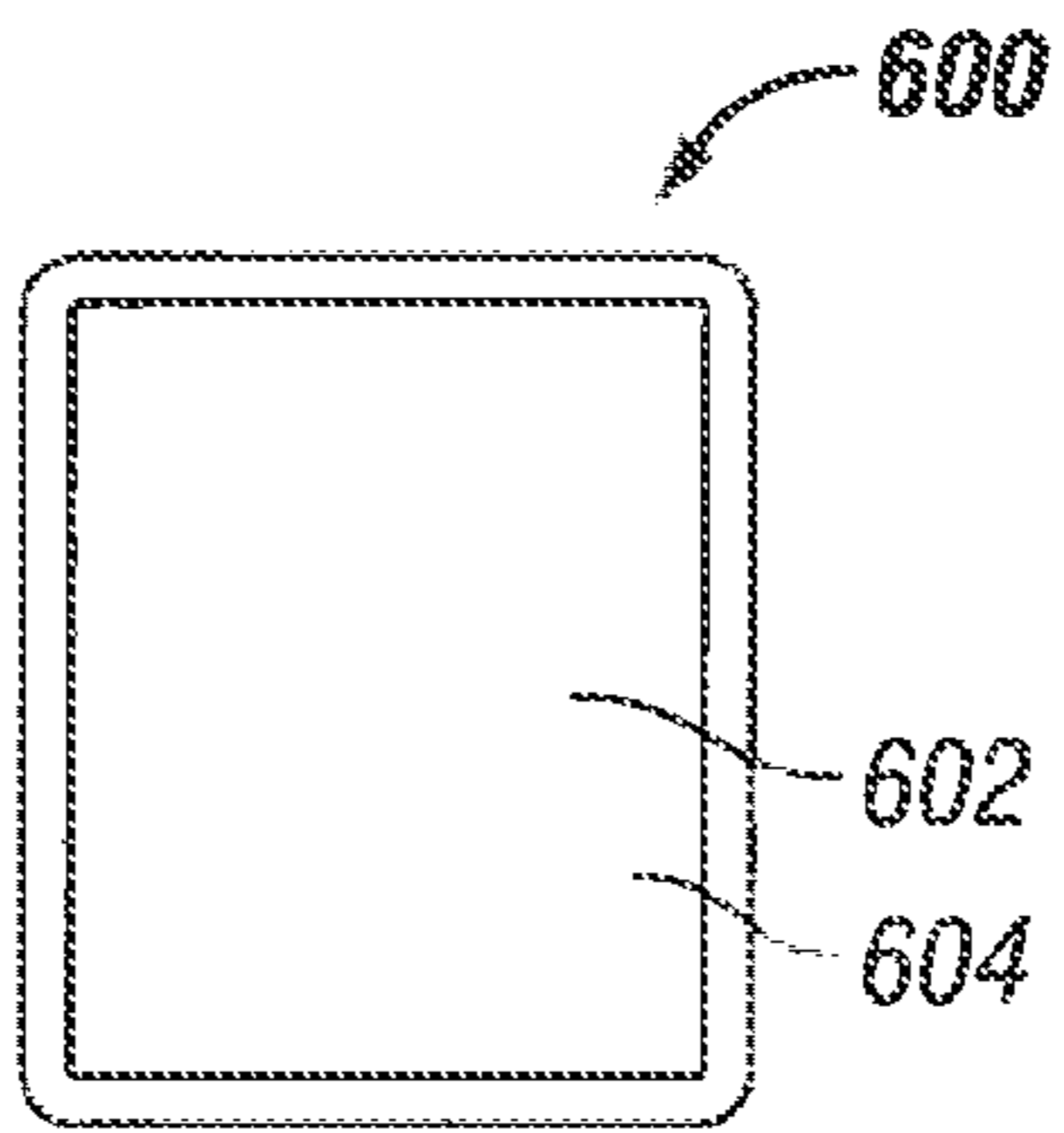


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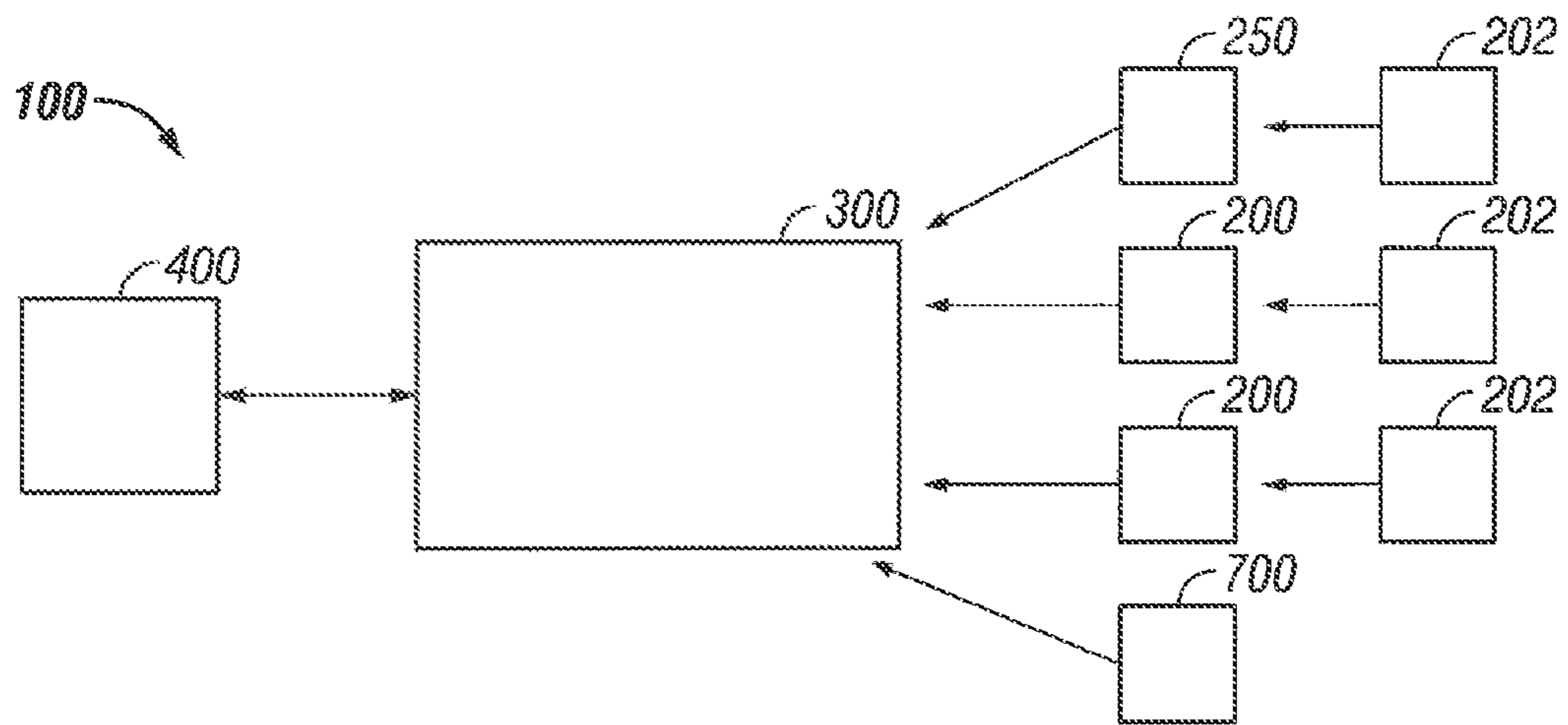


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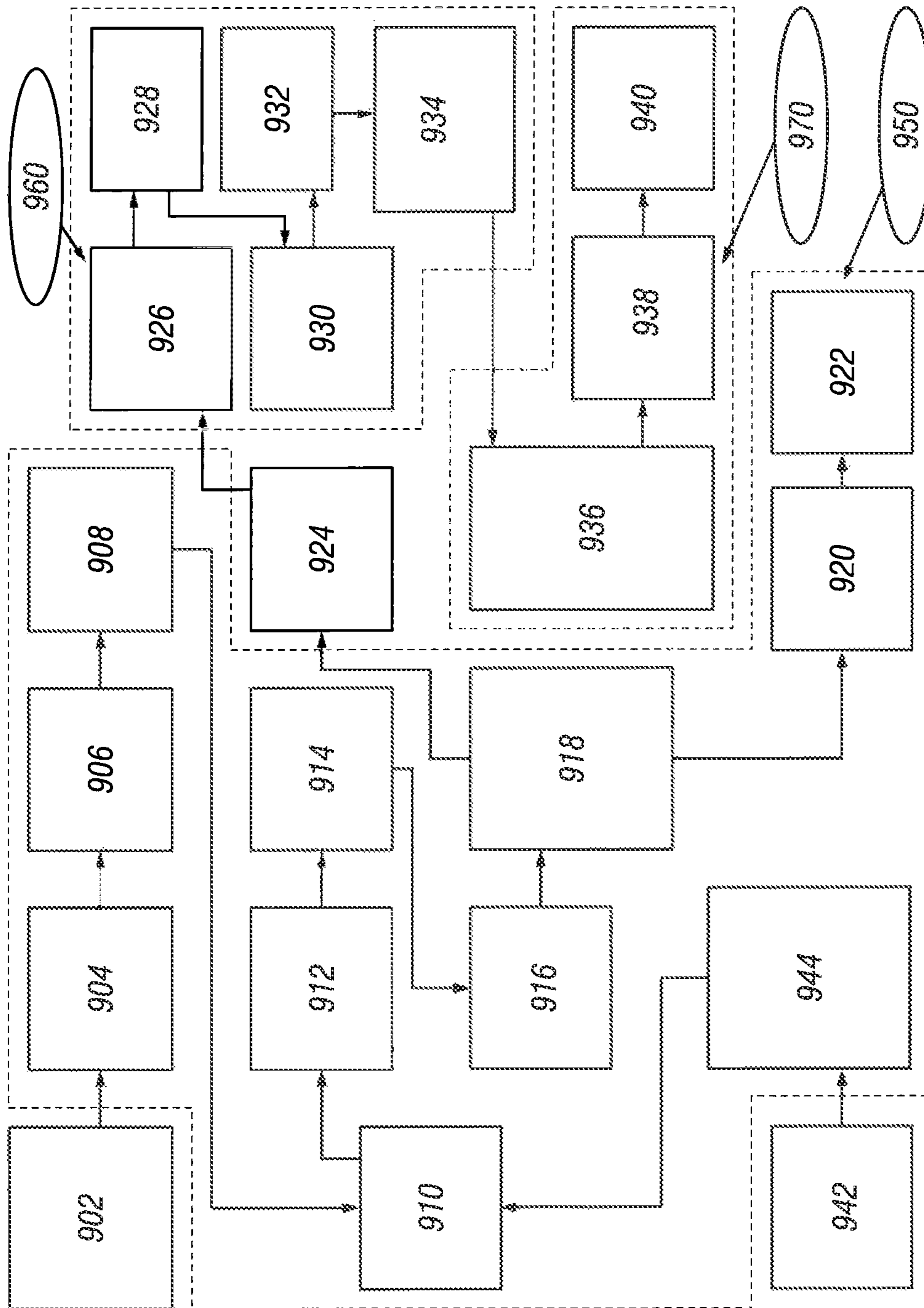


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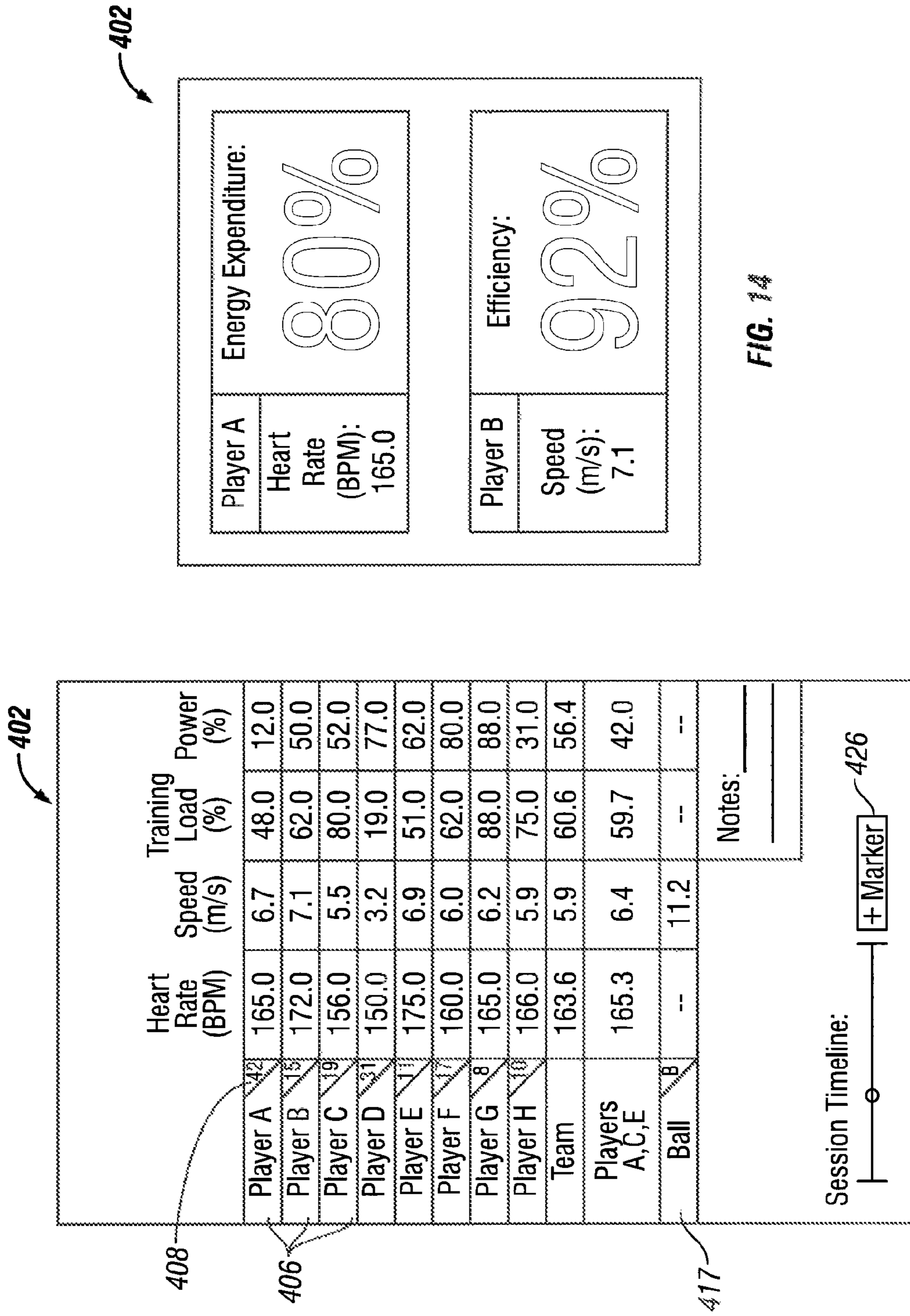


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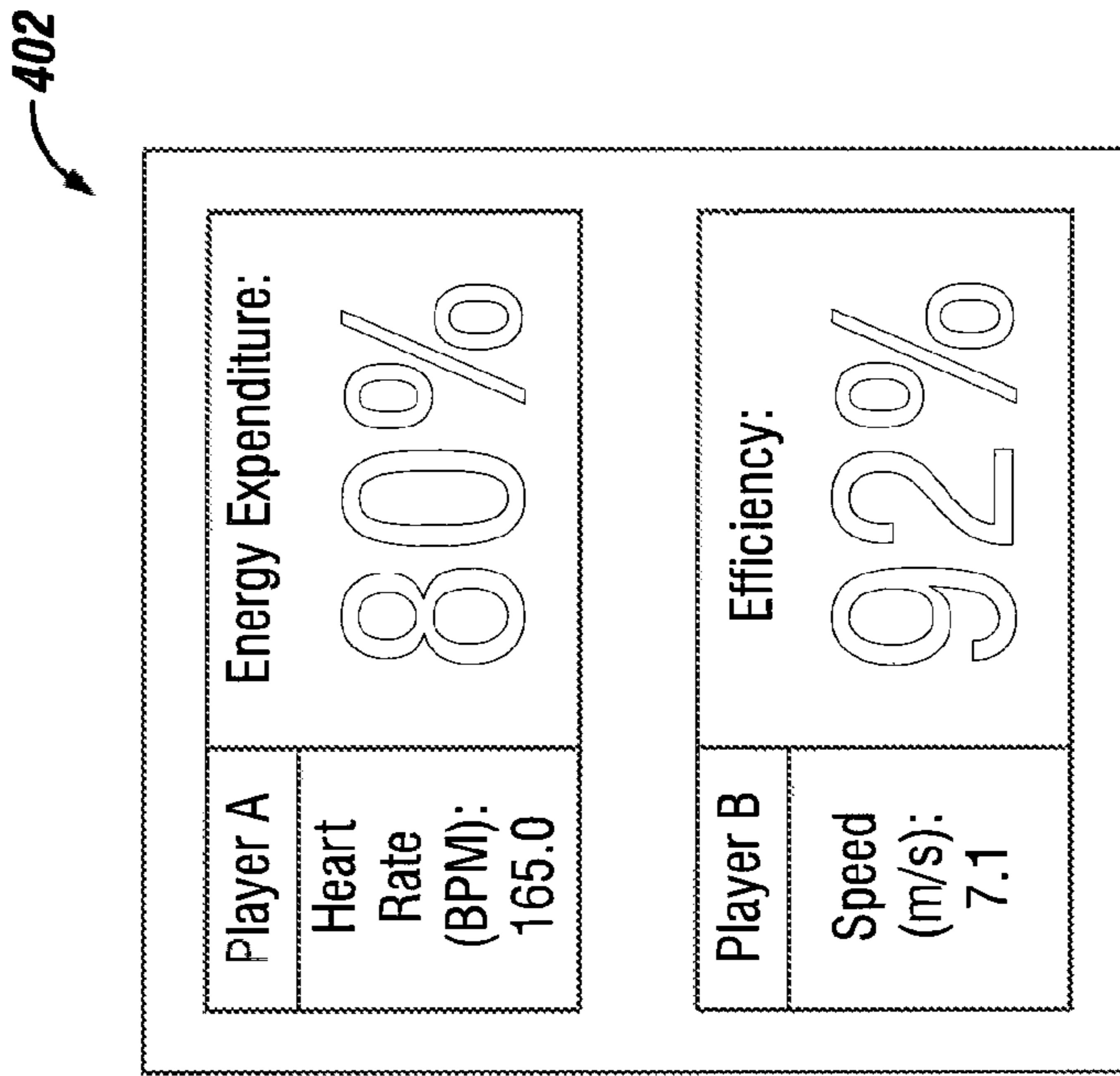


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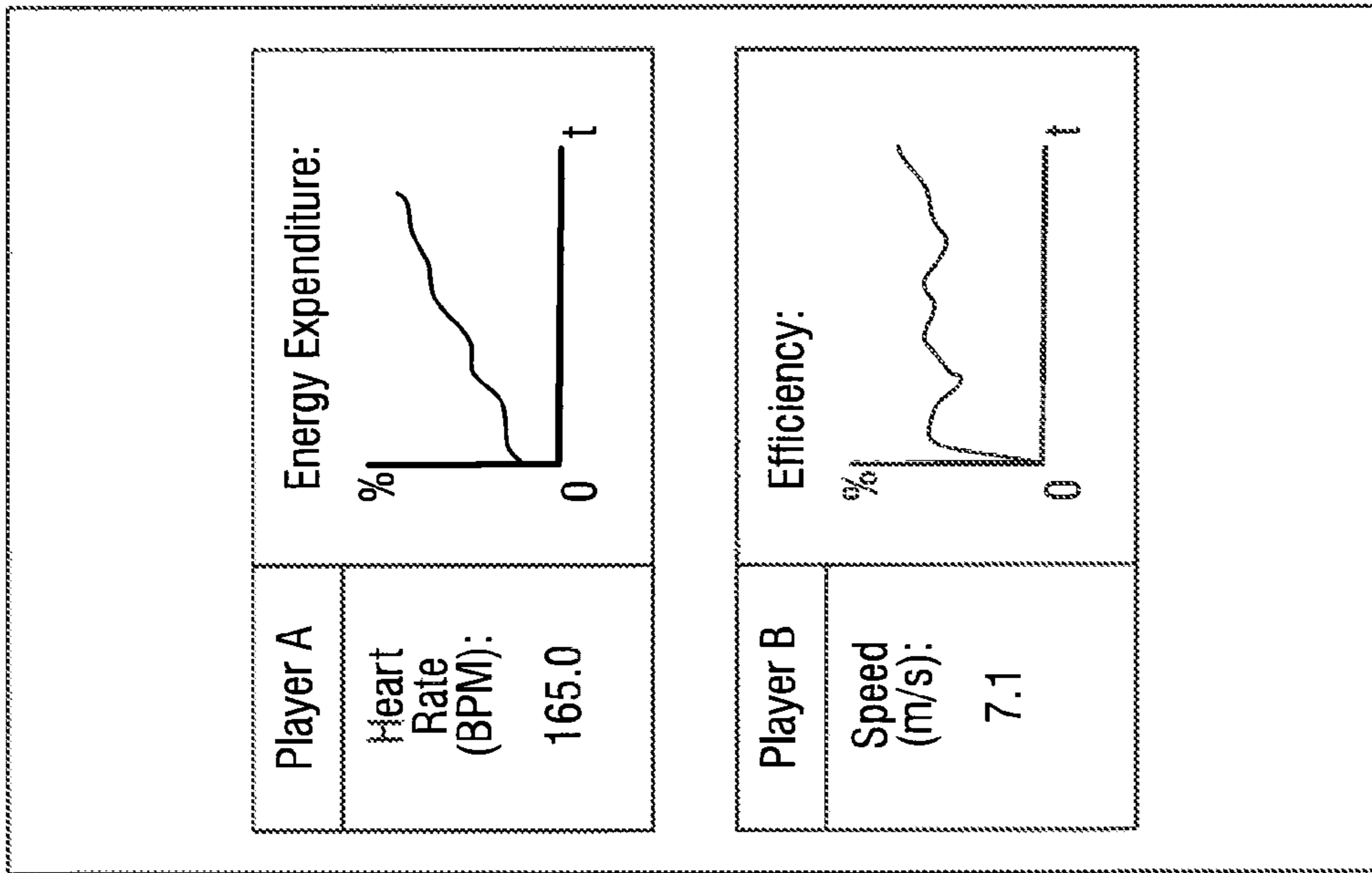


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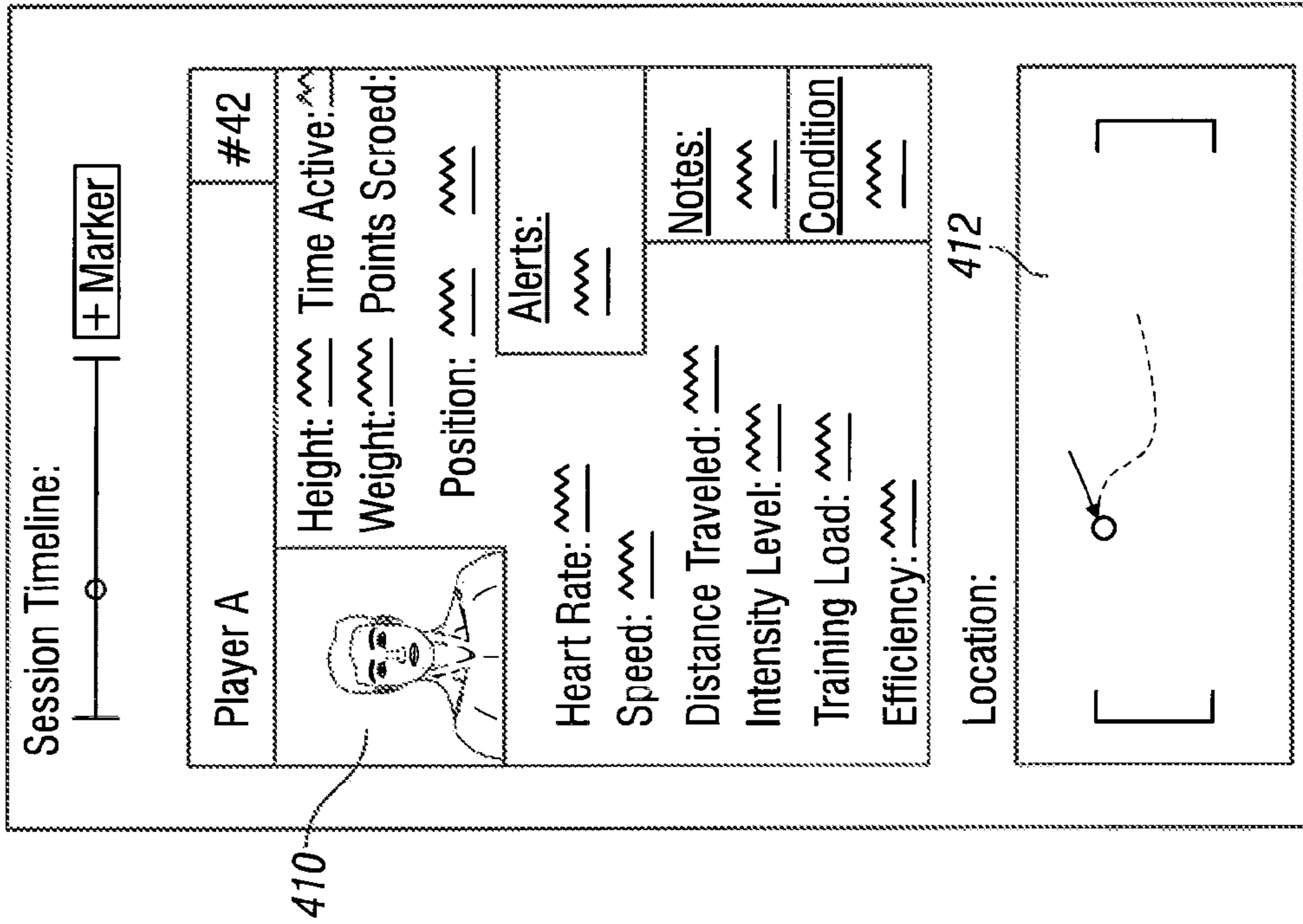


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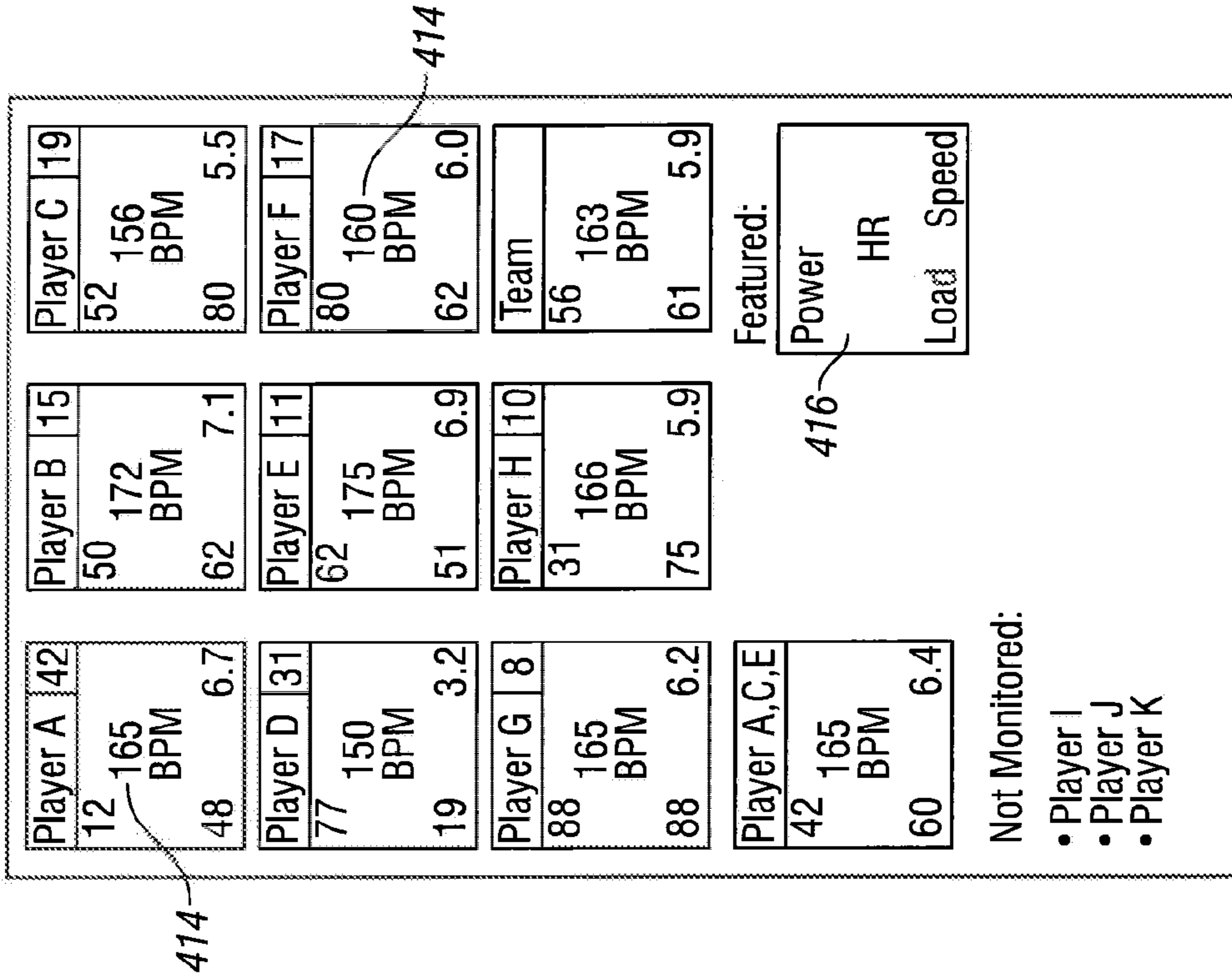


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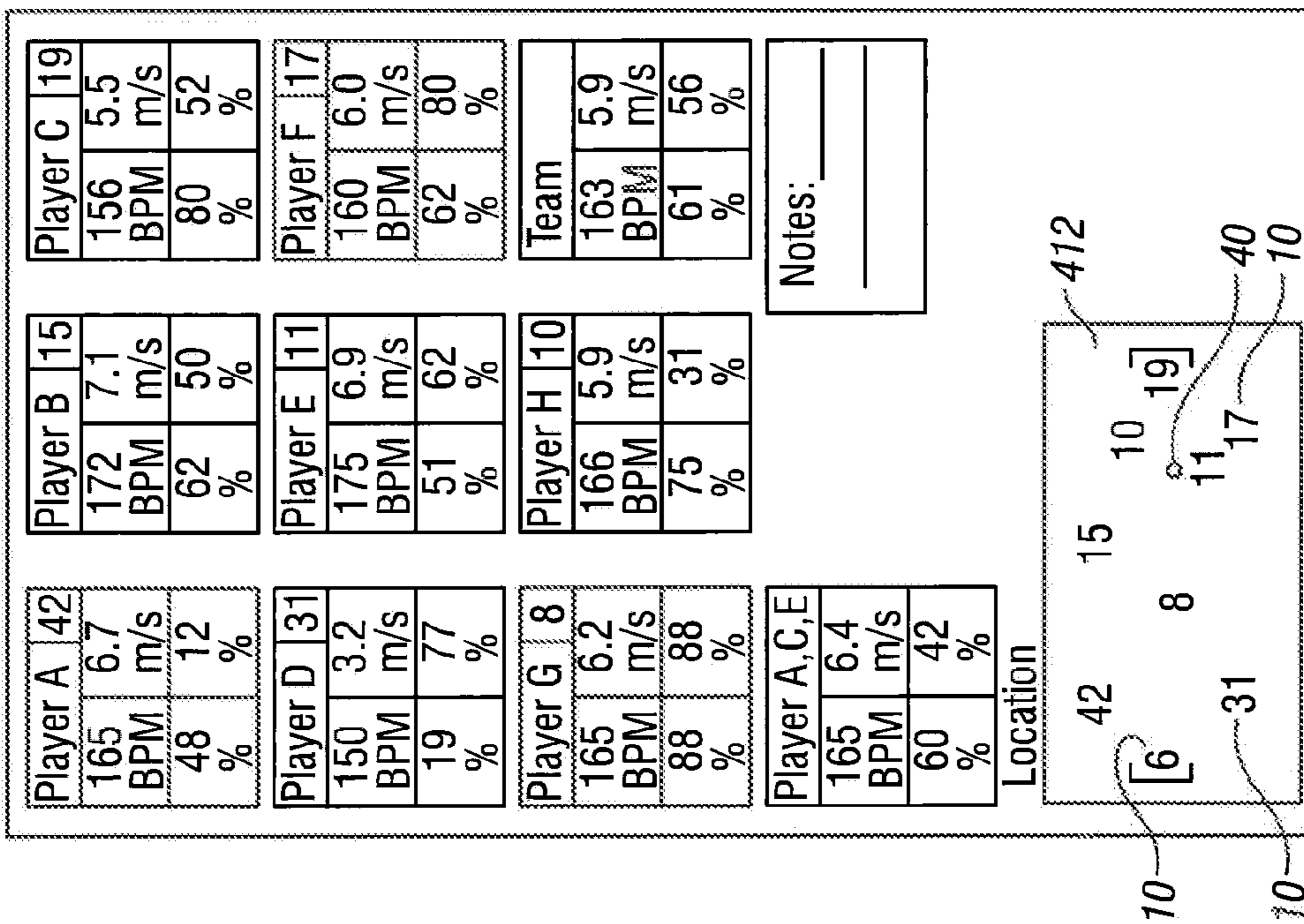


FIG. 18

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	Heart Rate (BPM)	Speed (m/s)	Training Load (%)	Power (%)
Player D	150.0	3.2	19.0	77.0
Player C	156.0	5.5	80.0	52.0
Player F	160.0	6.0	62.0	80.0
Player A	165.0	6.7	48.0	12.0
Player G	165.0	6.2	88.0	88.0
Player H	166.0	5.9	75.0	31.0
Player B	172.0	7.1	62.0	50.0
Player E	175.0	6.9	51.0	62.0
Team	163.6	5.9	60.6	56.4
Players A,C,E	165.3	6.4	59.7	42.0

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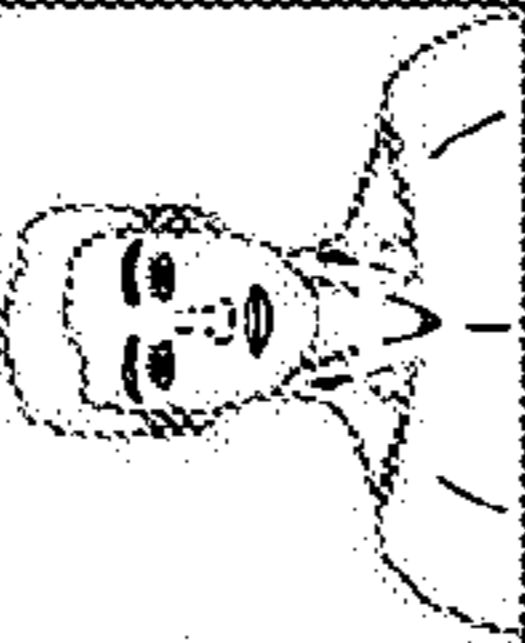
Session Timeline: |-----| + Marker

FIG. 19

Session Timeline: |-----| + Marker 424

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Player A #42



Height: ~~~ Time Active: ~~~
 Weight: ~~~ Points Scored: ~~~
 Position: ~~~ ~~~

Alerts: ~~~

Heart Rate: ~~~
 Speed: ~~~

Distance Traveled: ~~~
 Intensity Level: ~~~ 422
 Training Load: ~~~
 Efficiency: ~~~

Notes: ~~~
 Condition ~~~

BP m/s

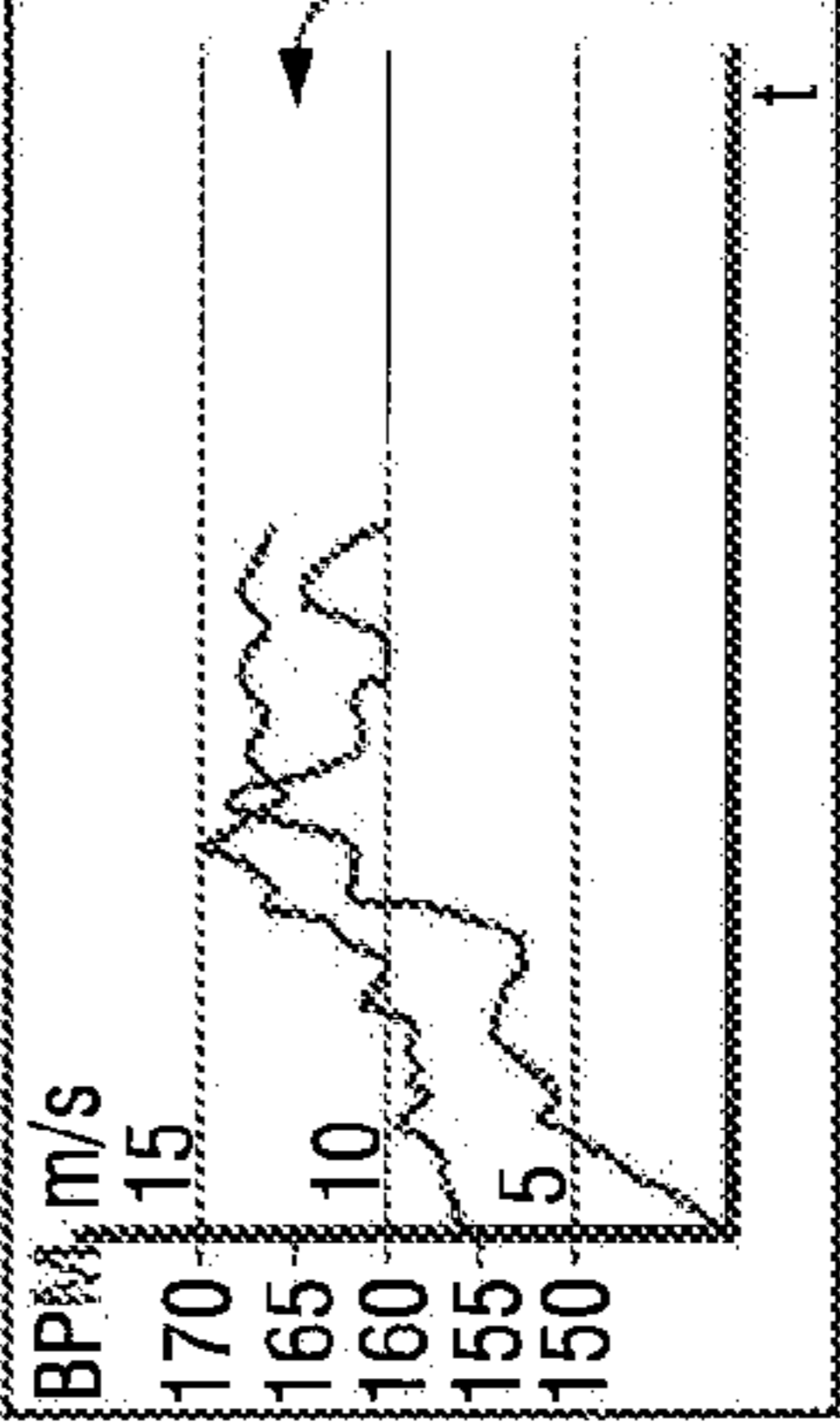


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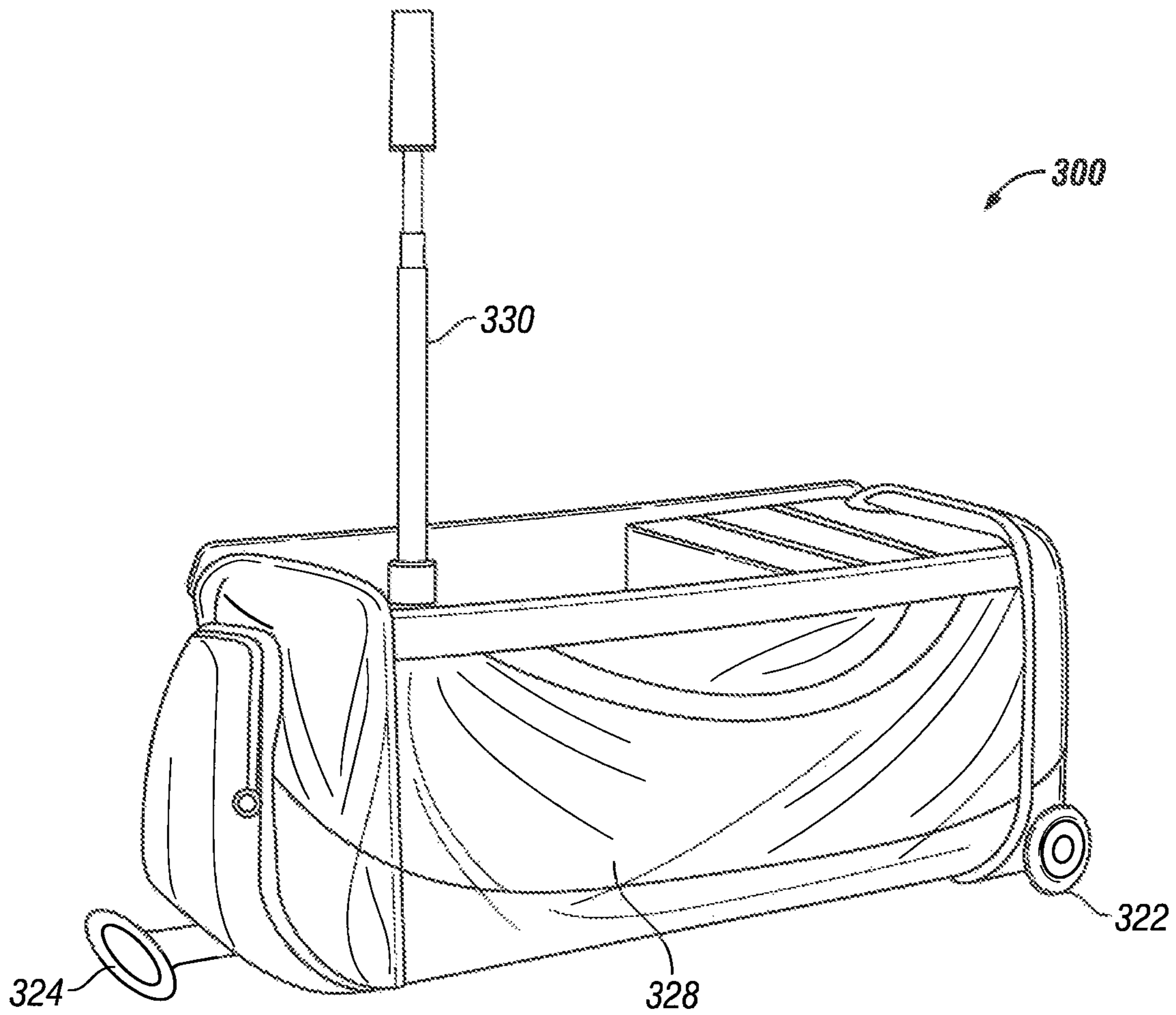


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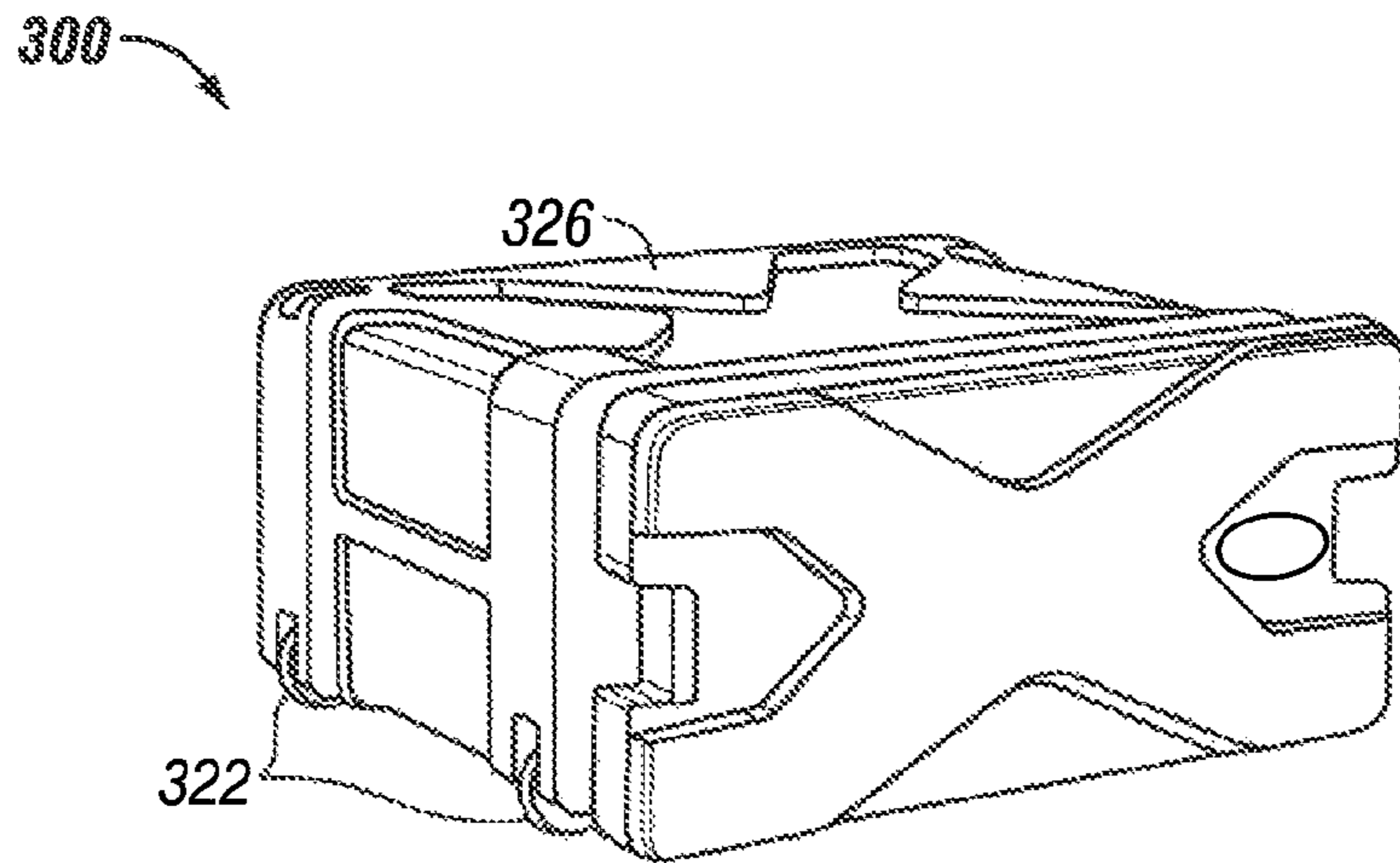


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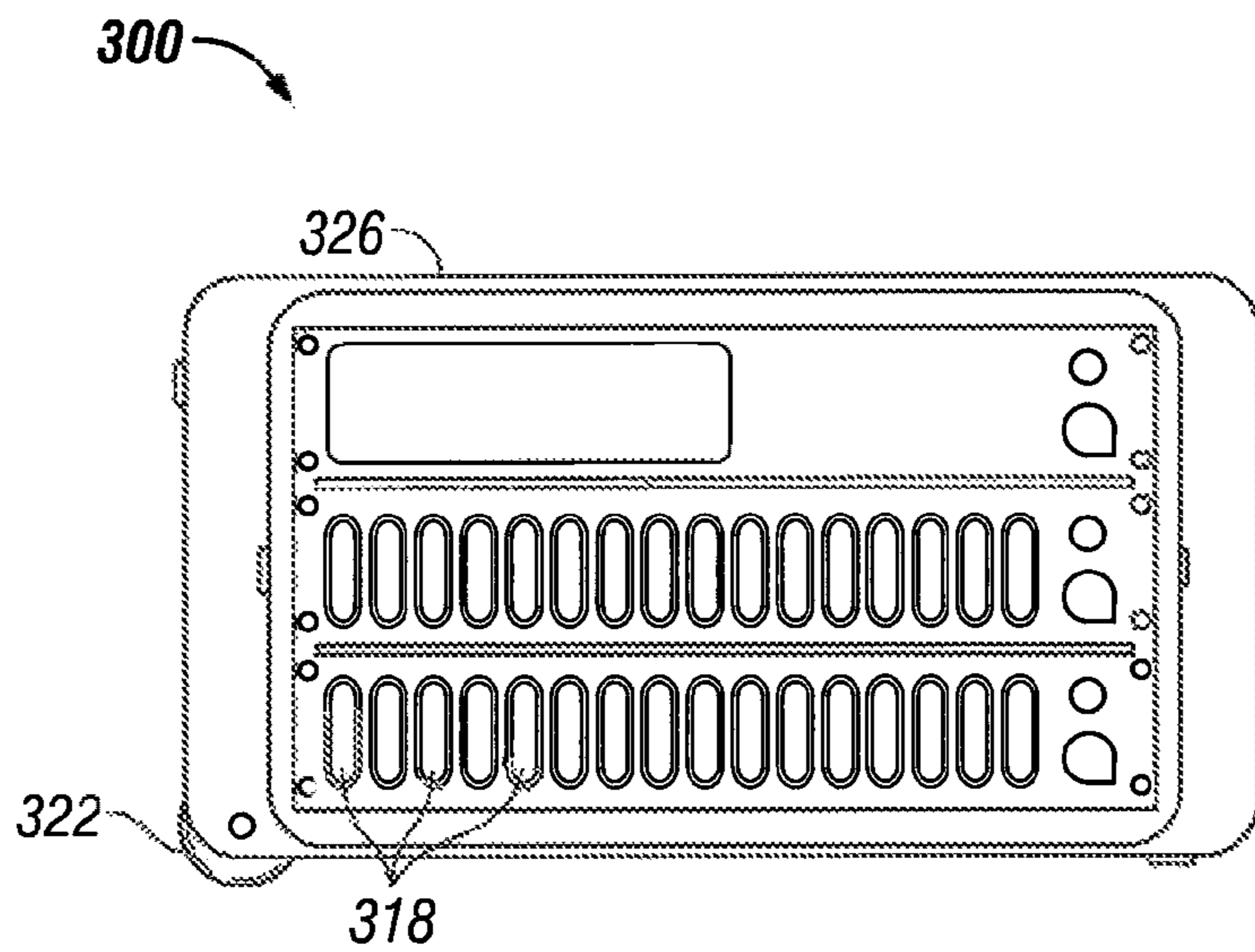


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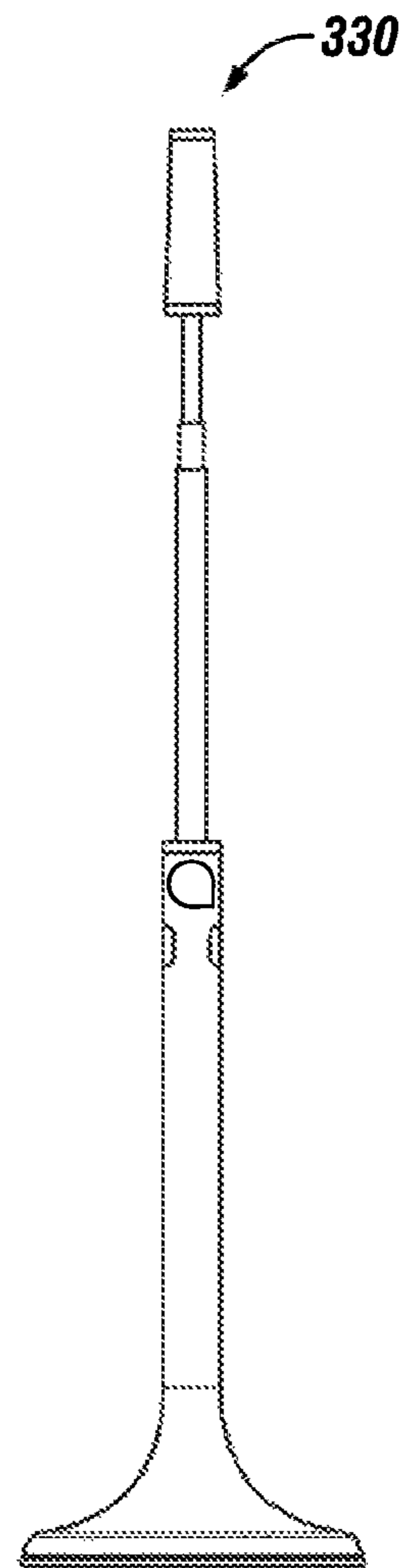


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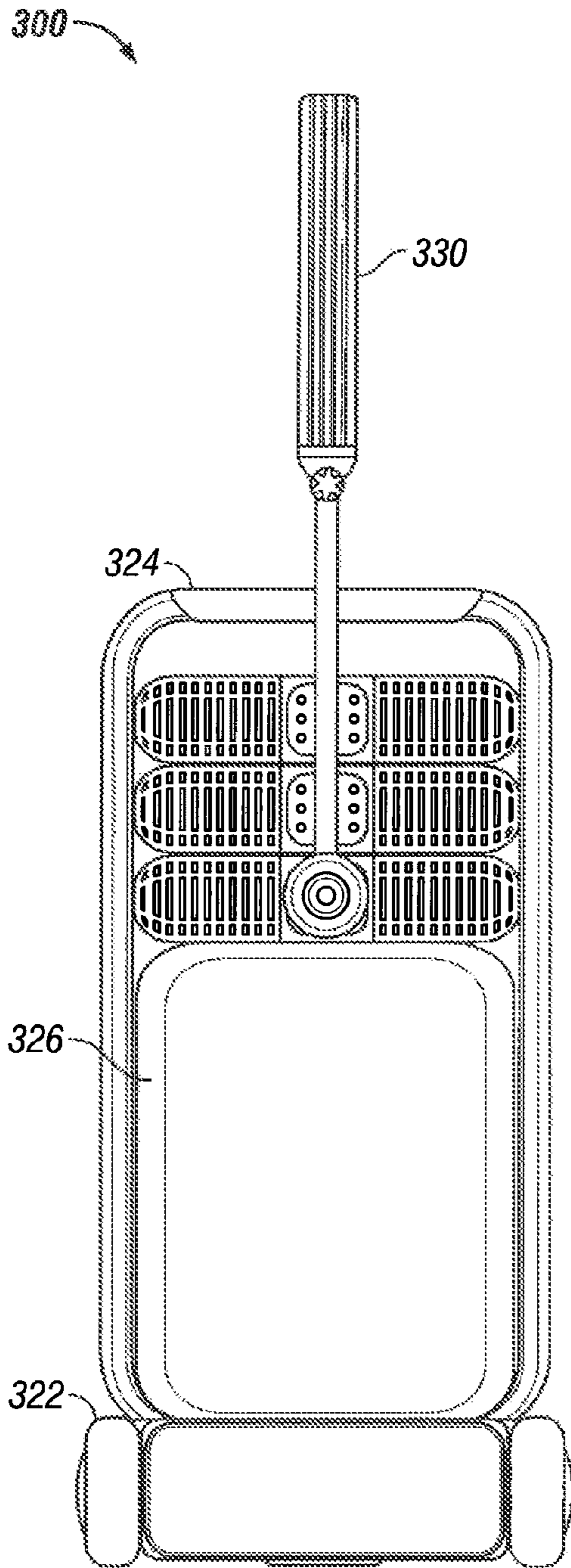


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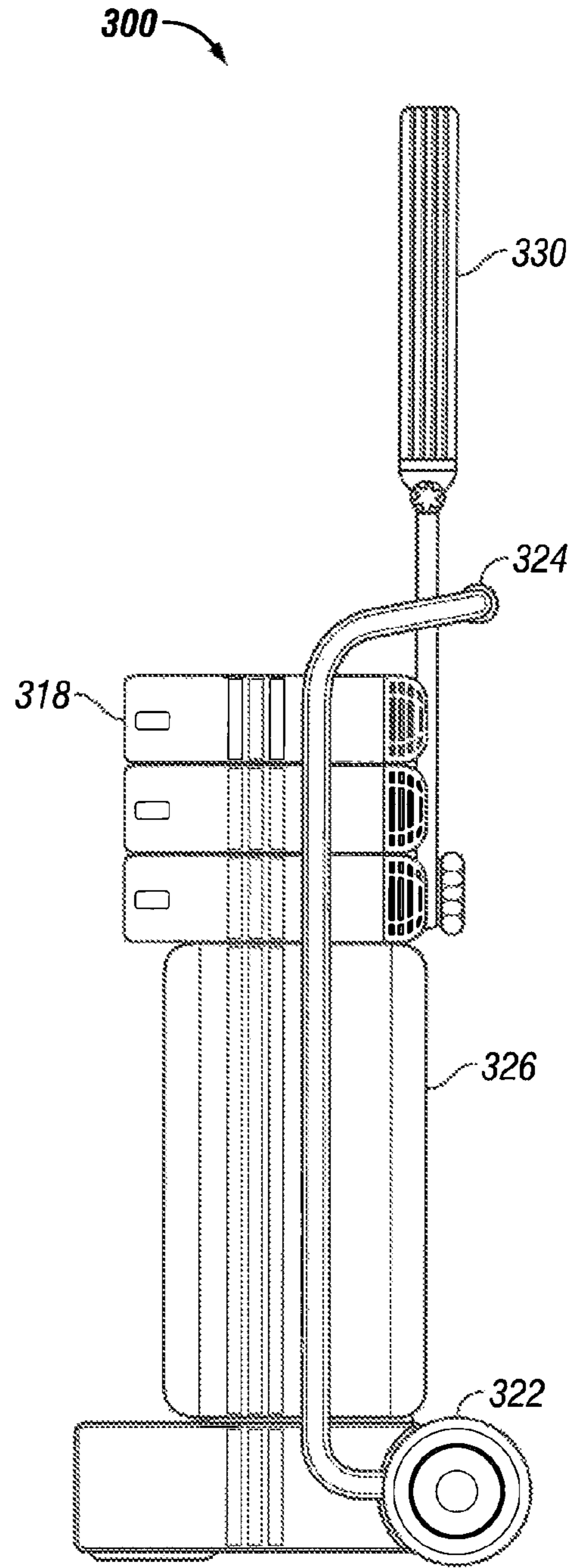


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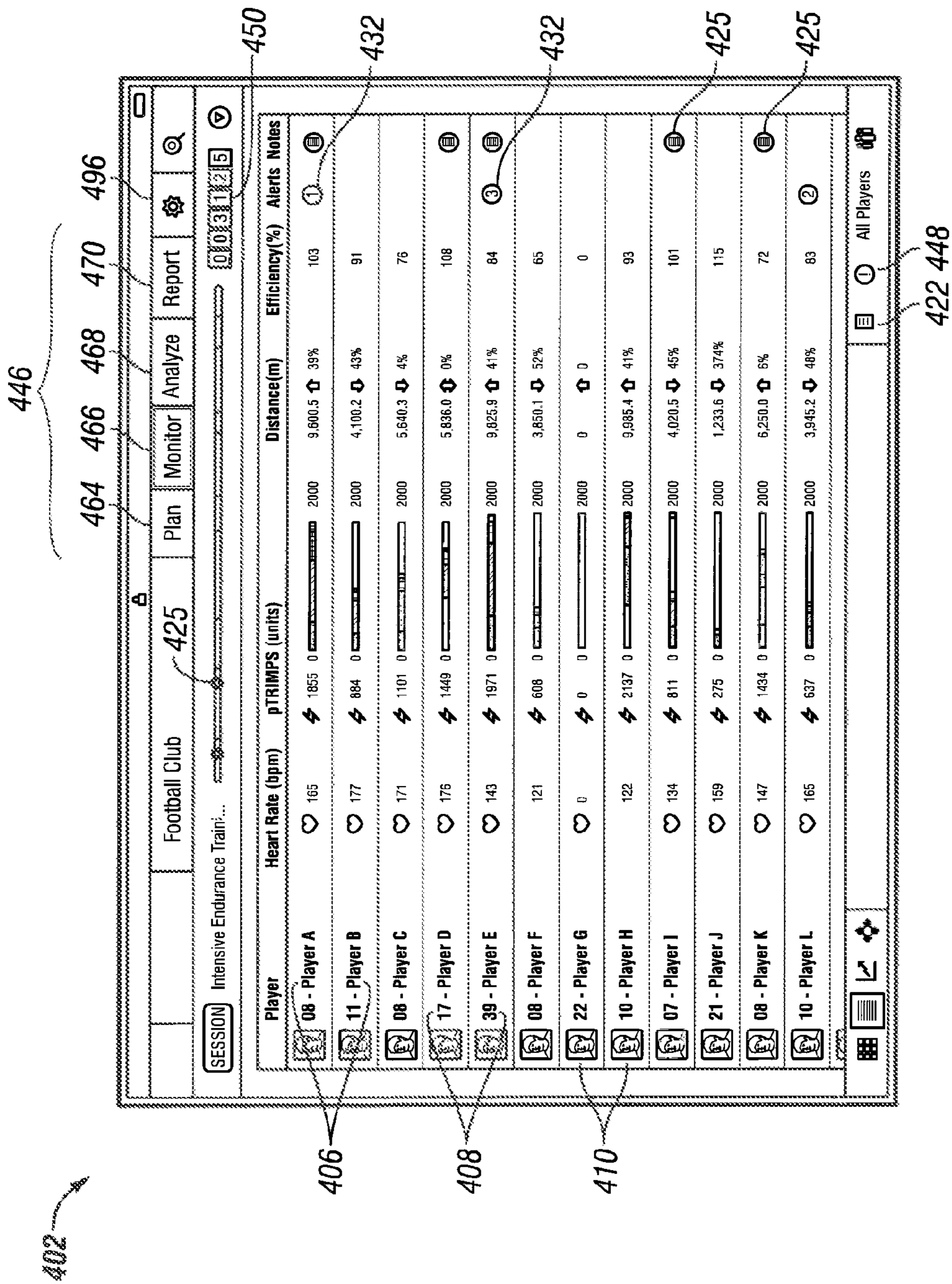


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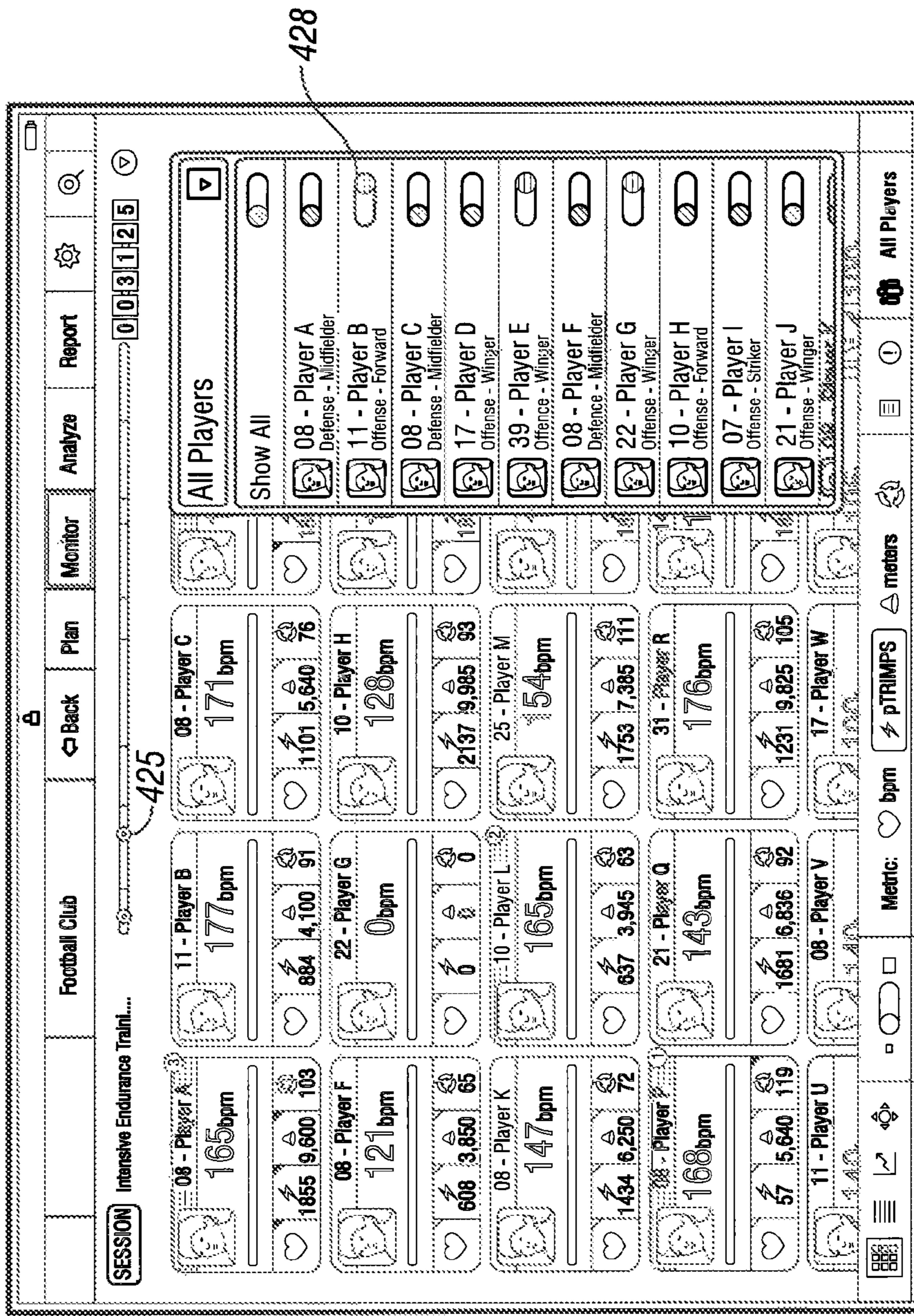


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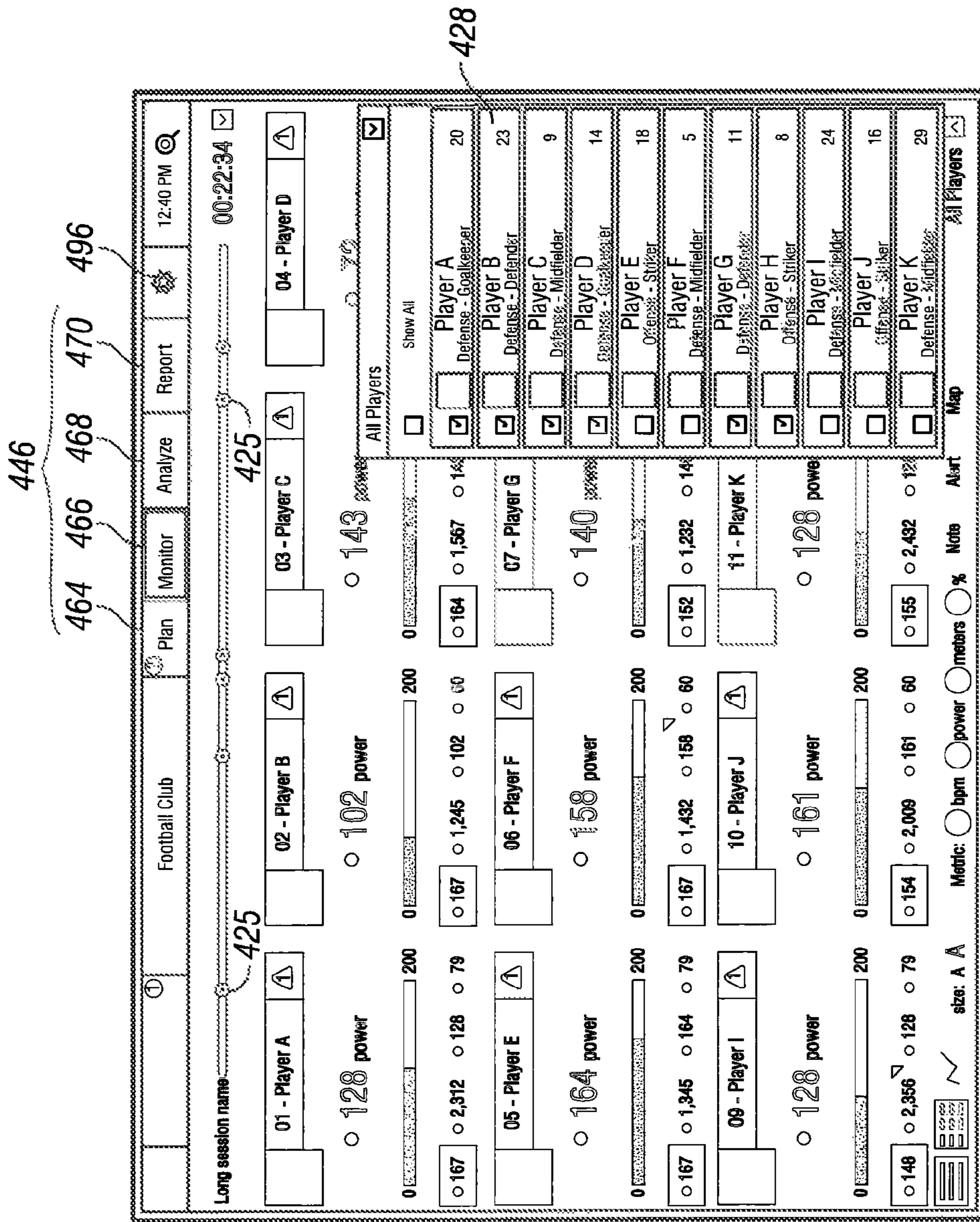
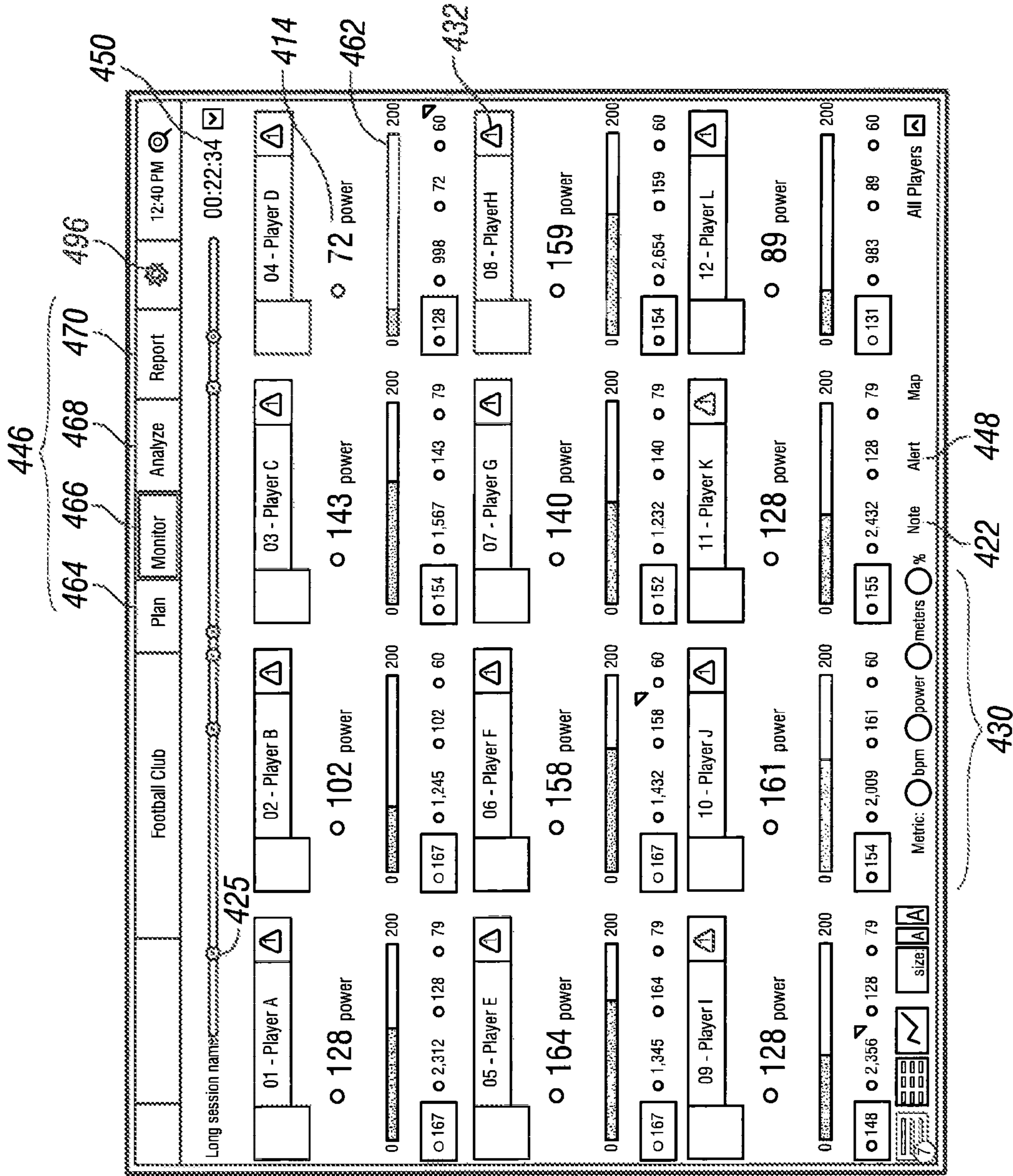


FIG. 29

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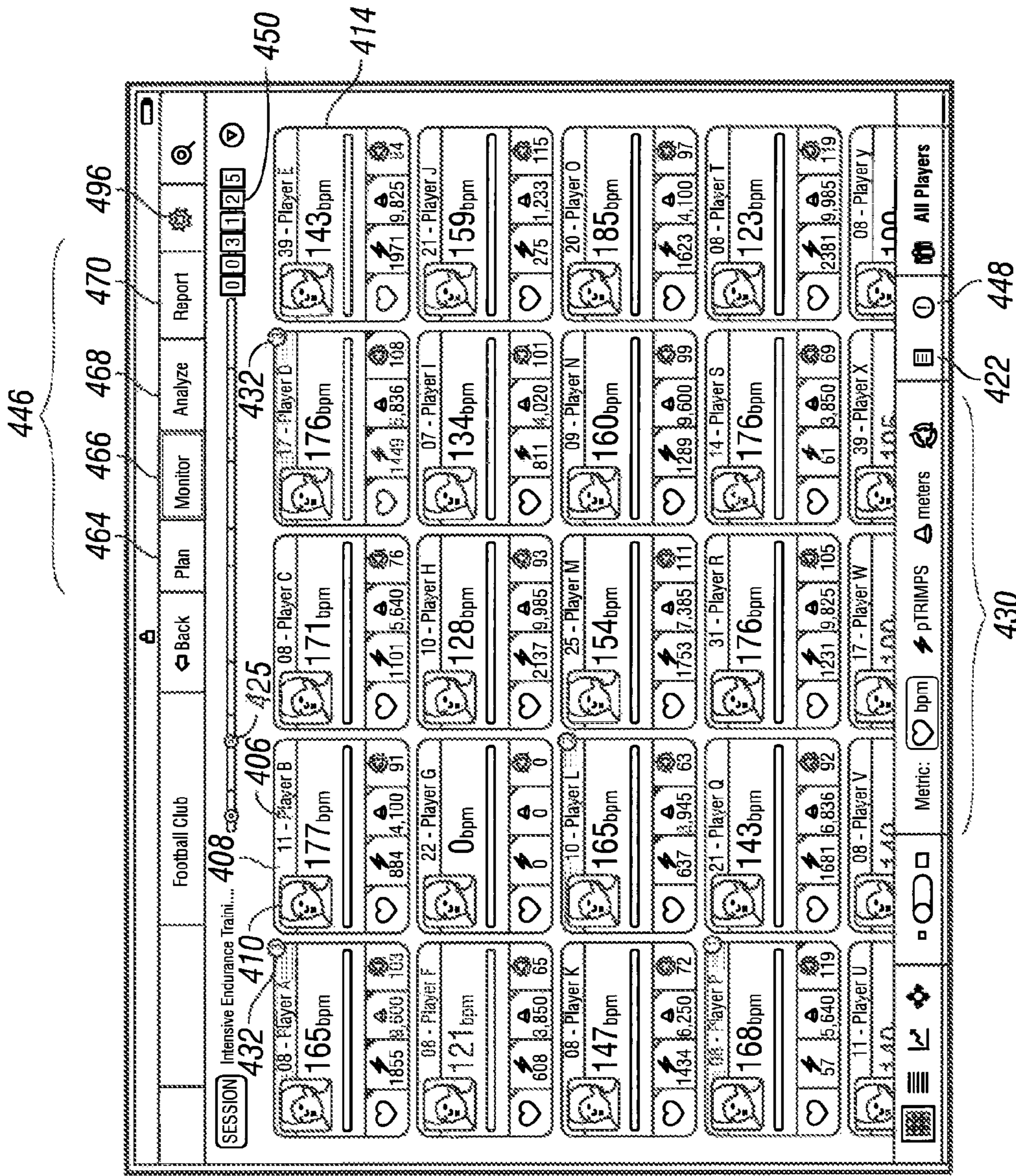


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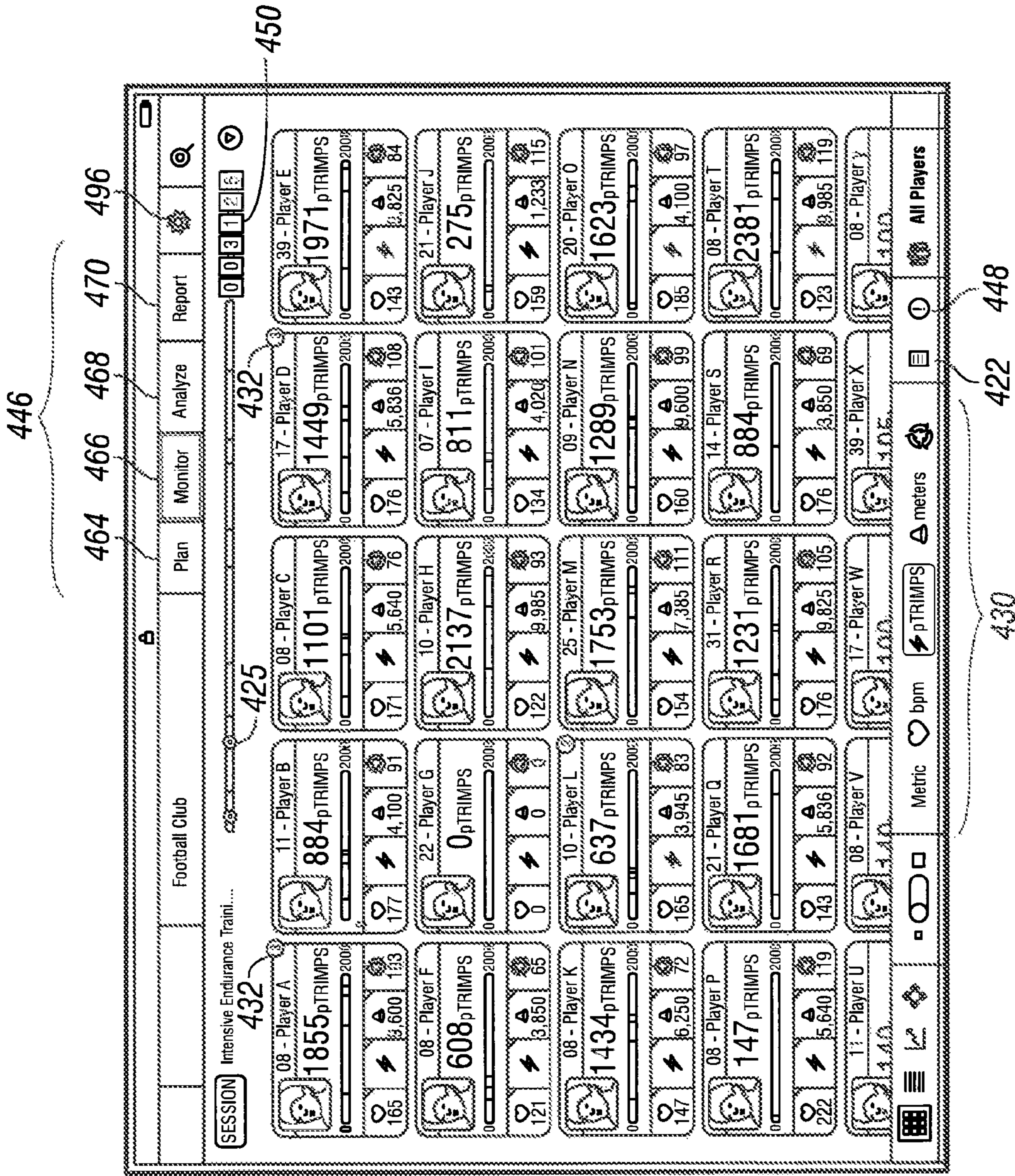


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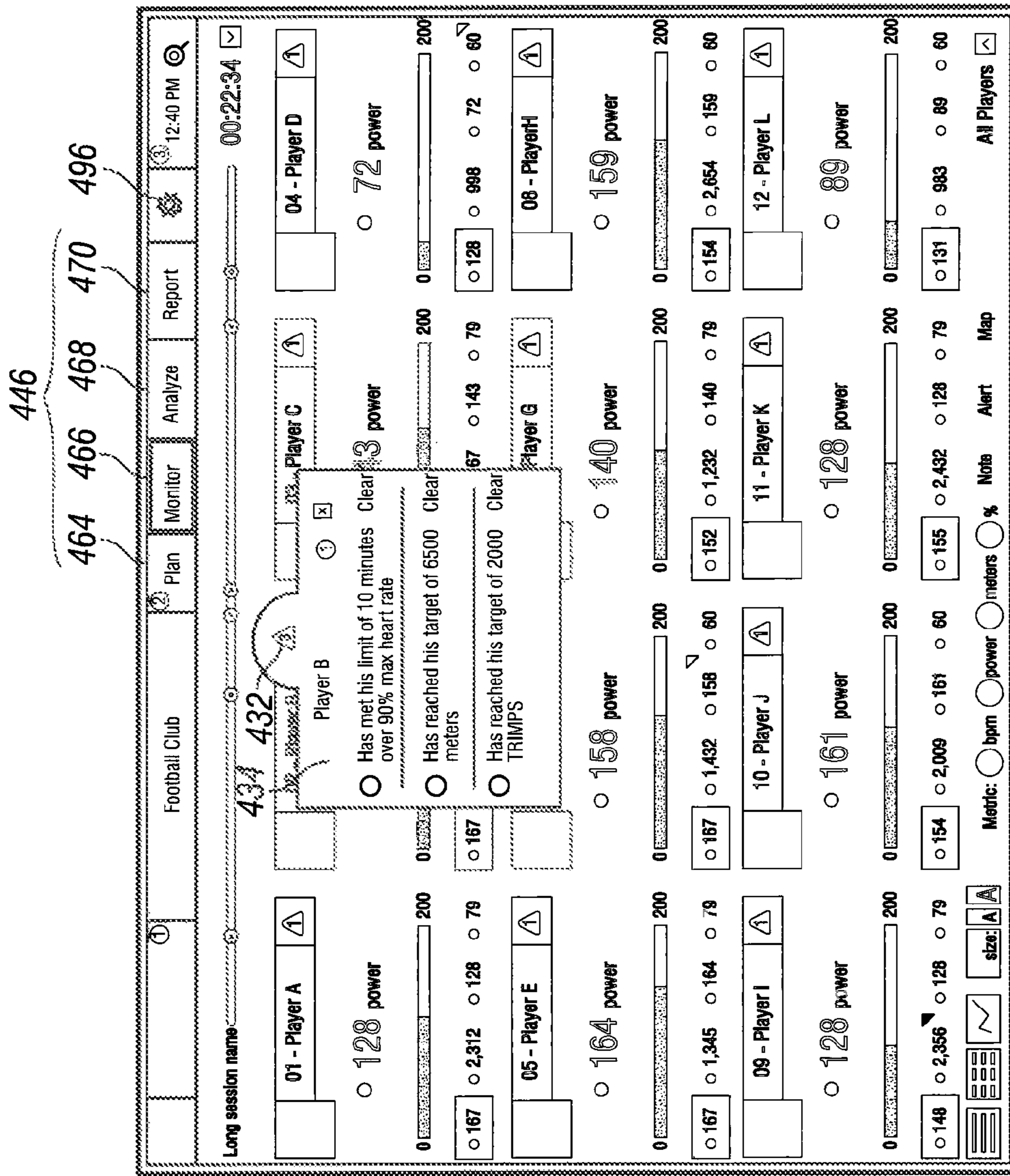
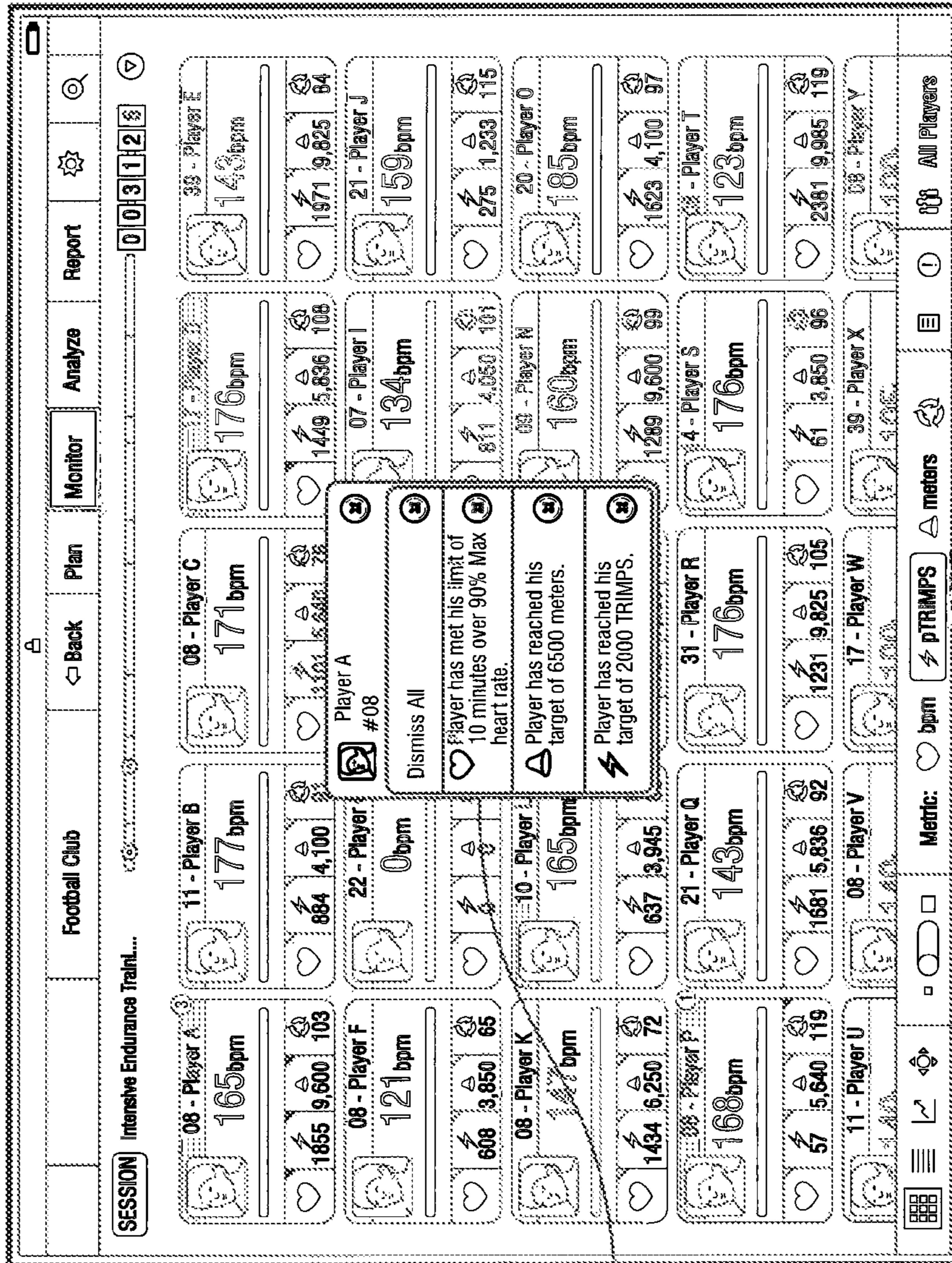


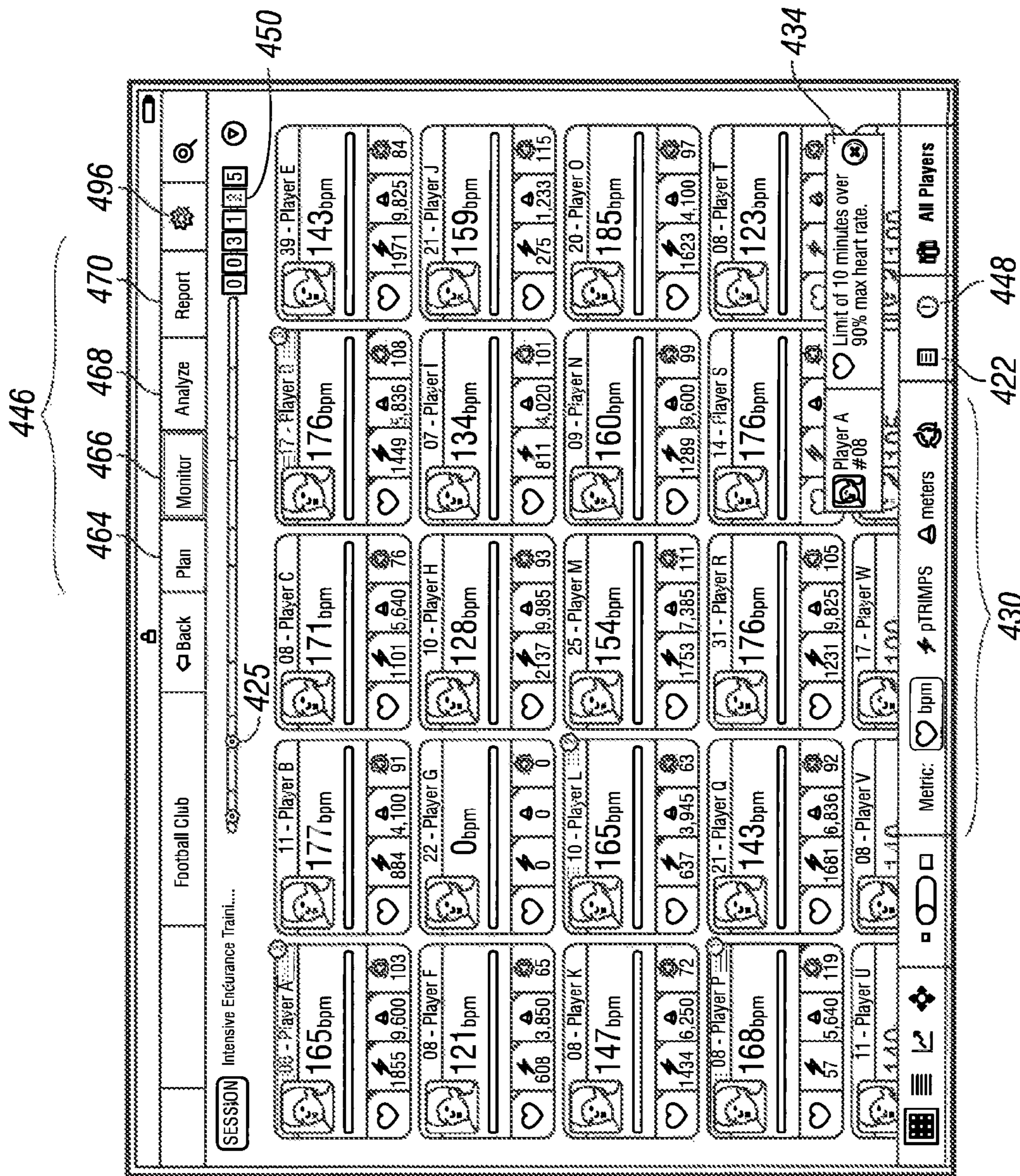
FIG. 33A

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FIG. 33B



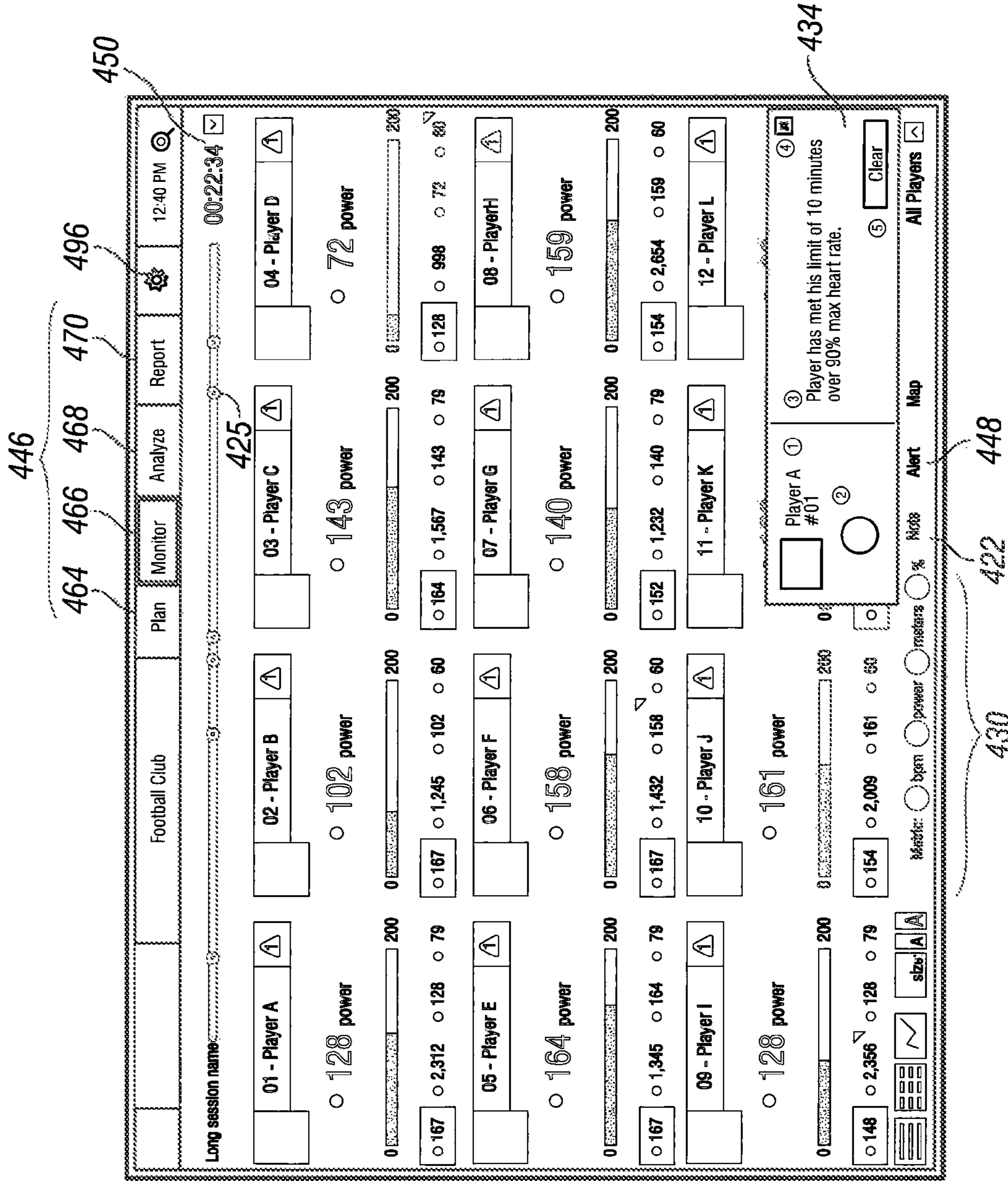
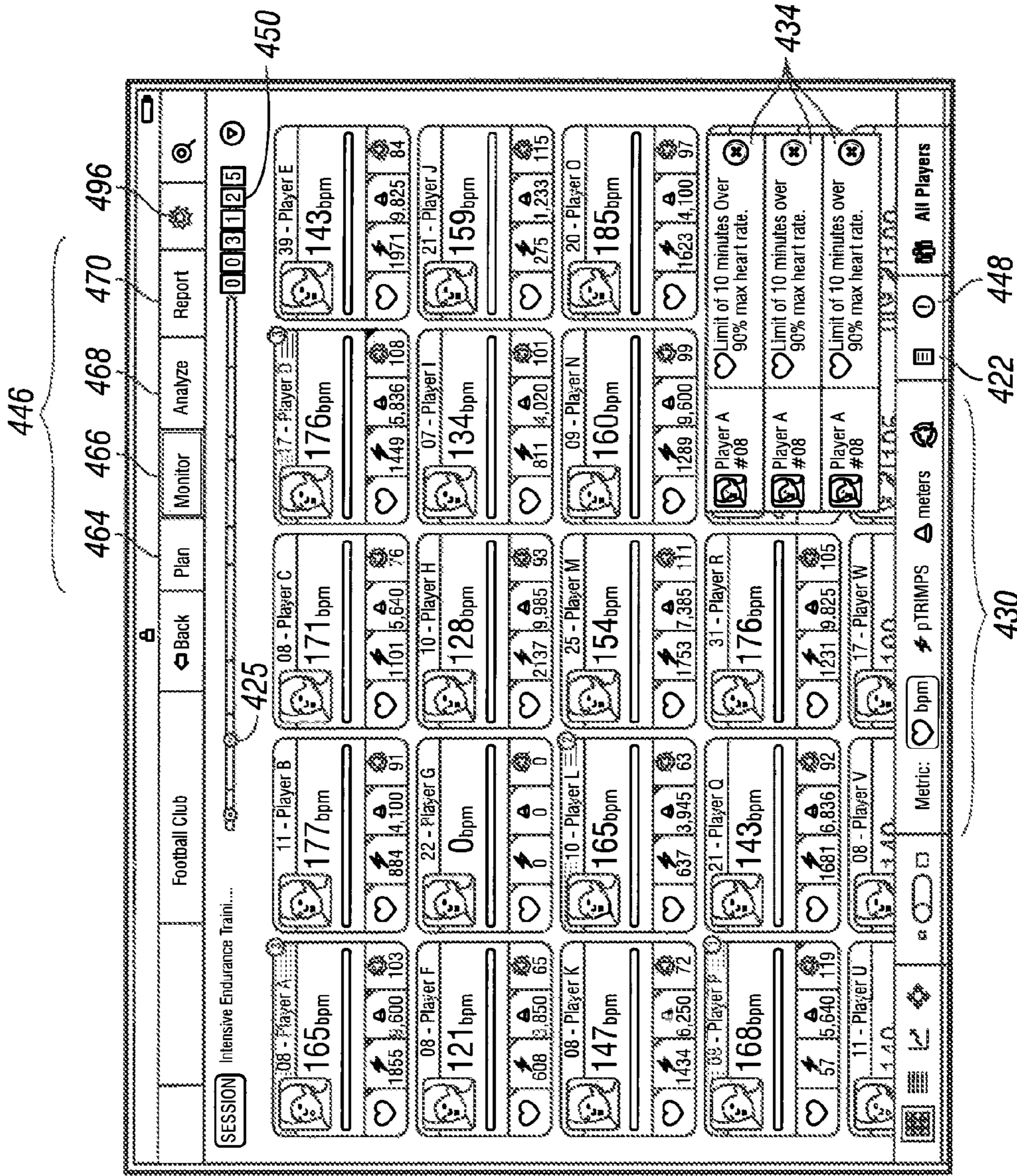


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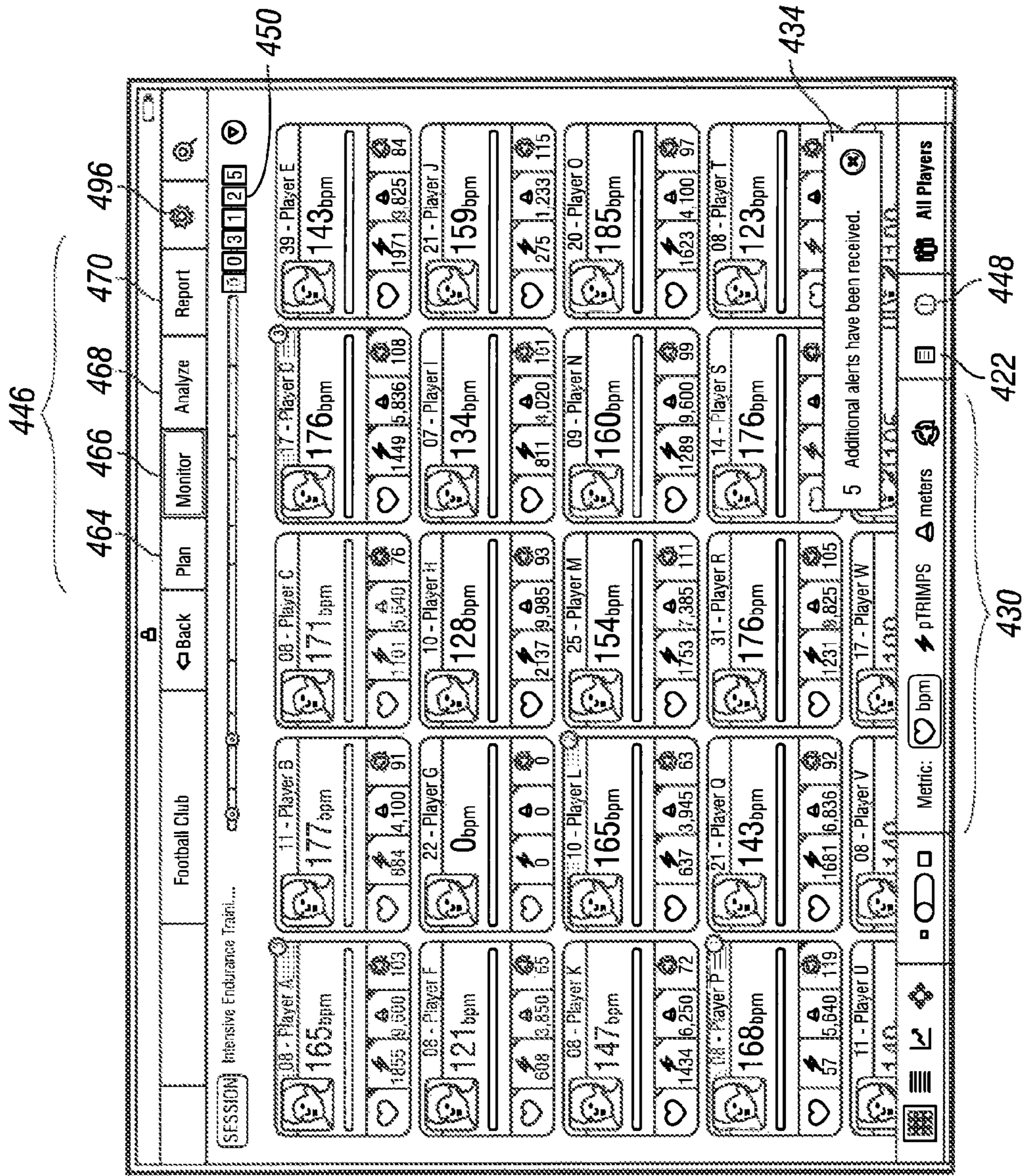
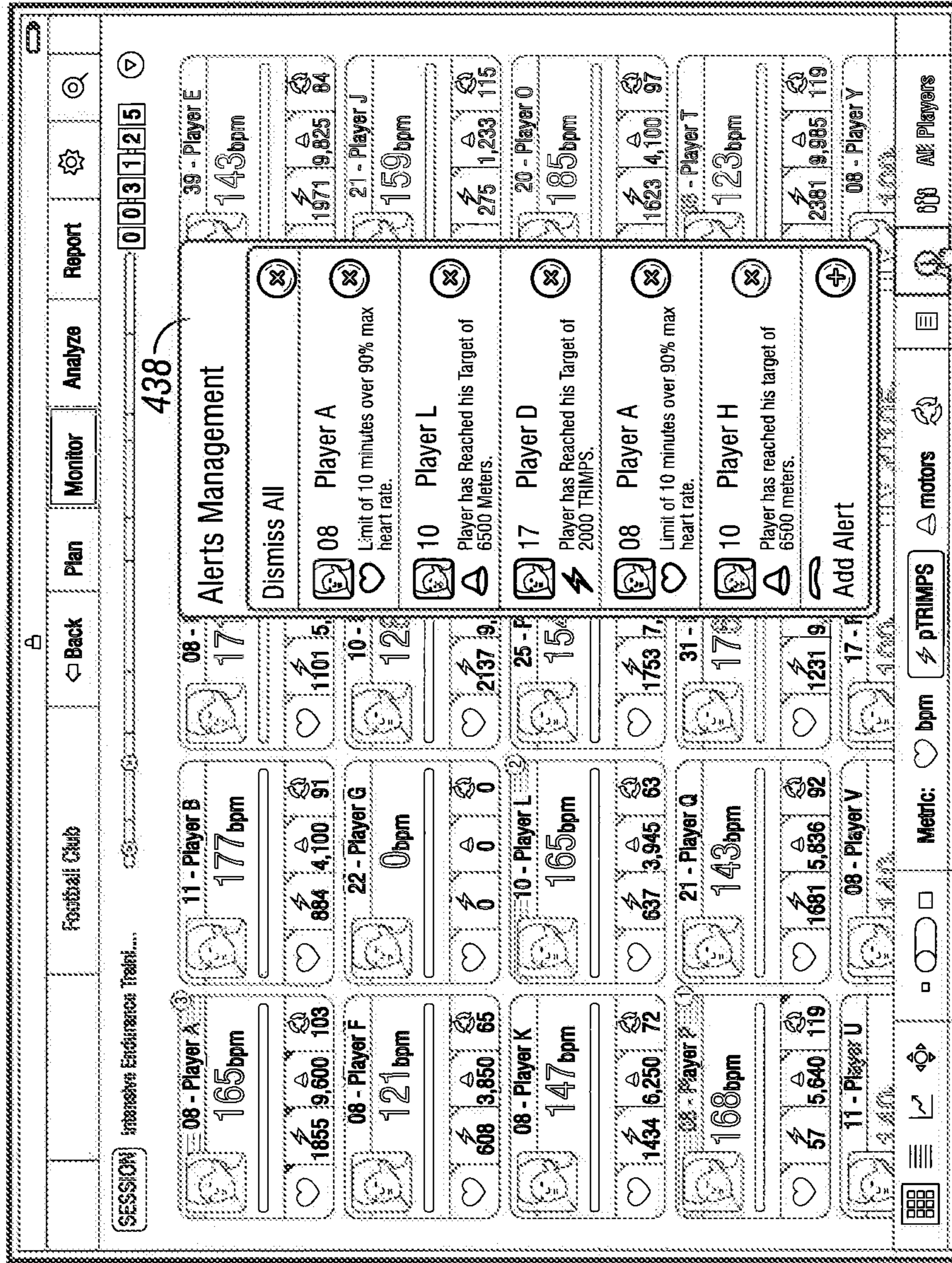


FIG. 35C

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FIG. 35D

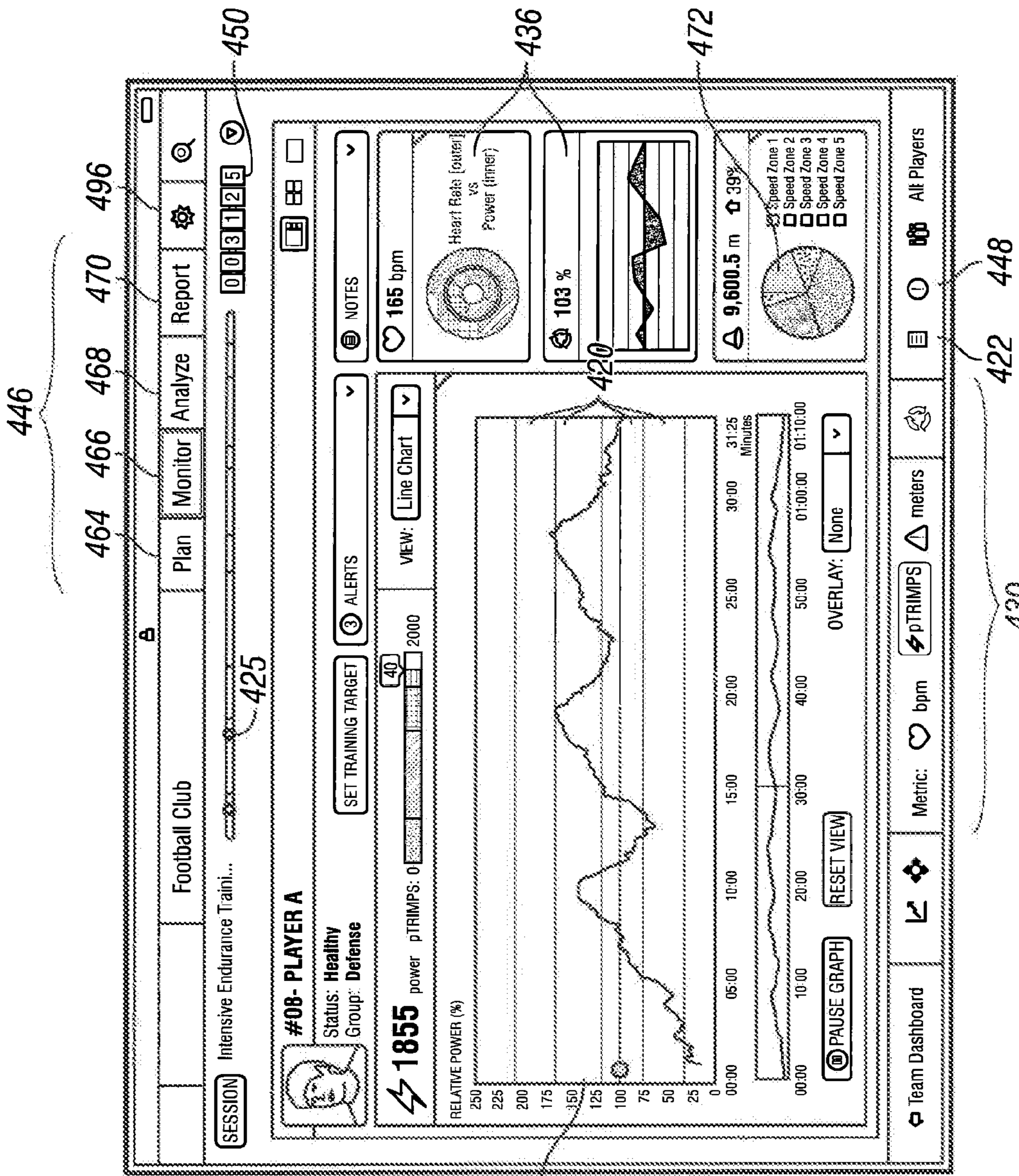


FIG. 36A

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464 466 468 470 496

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#08- PLAYER A

Status: Healthy
Group: Defense

1855 power pTRIMPS: 0

RELATIVE POWER (%)

165 bpm

103 %

Heart Rate [outer] vs Power [inner]

103 %

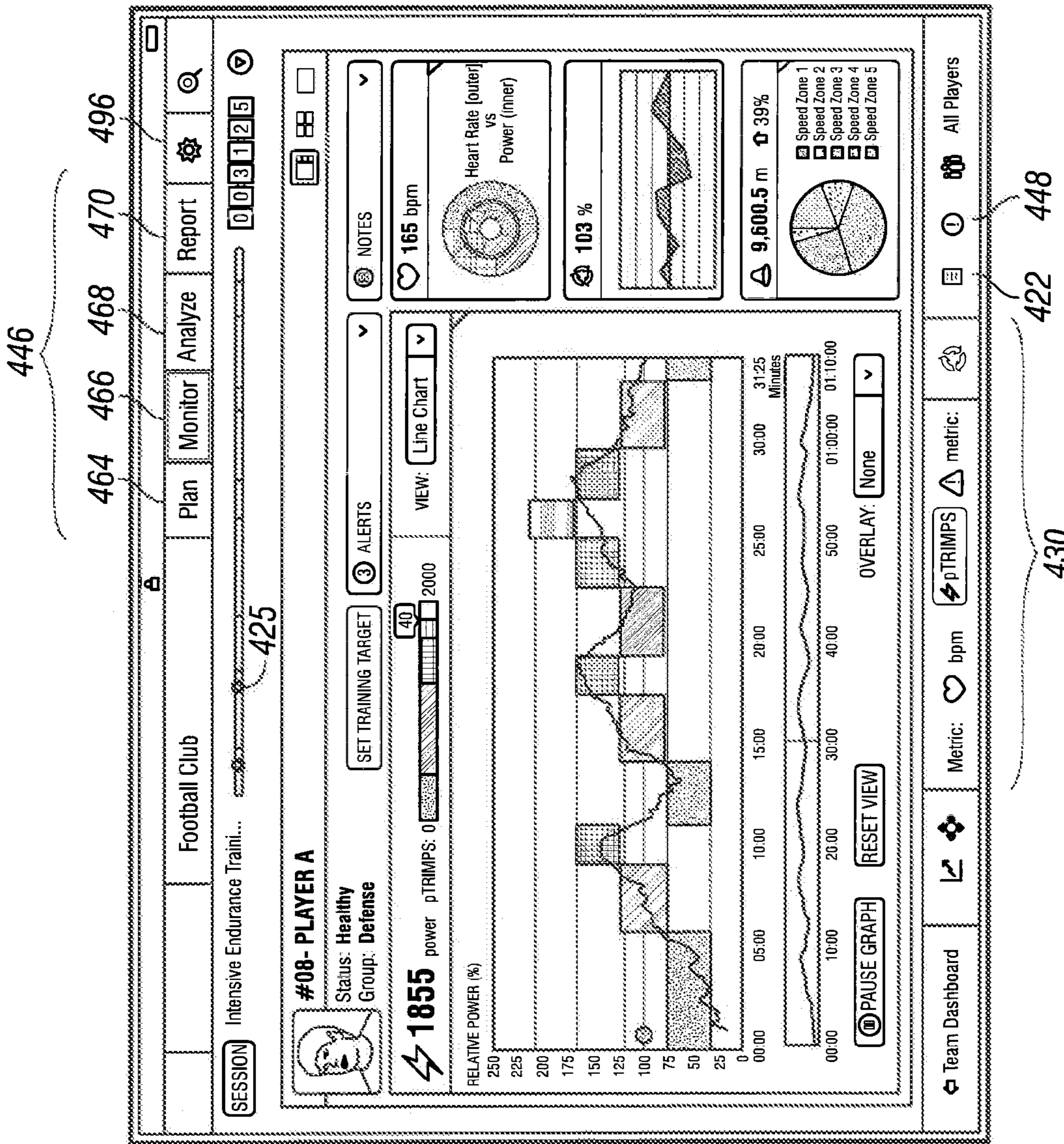
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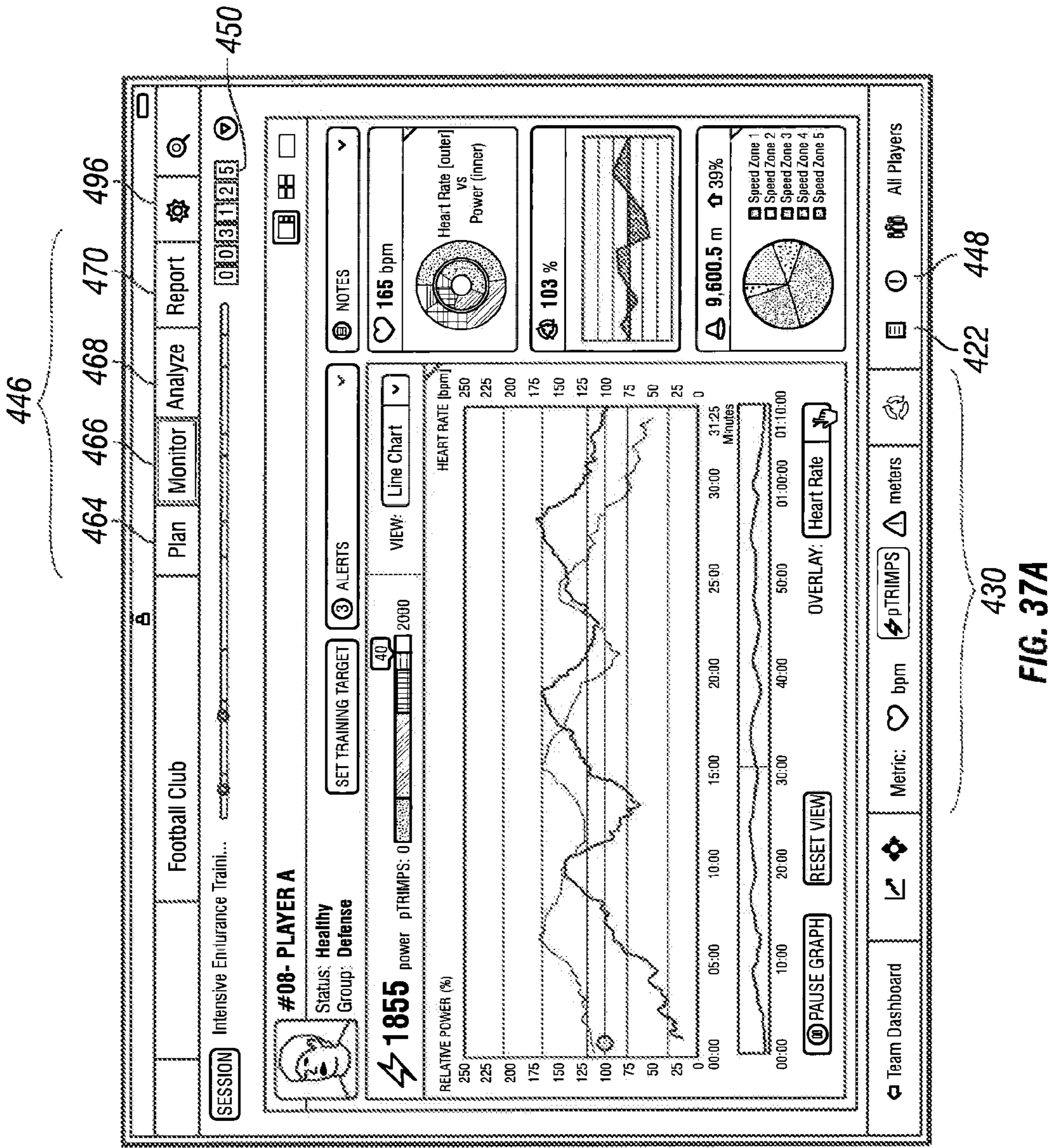
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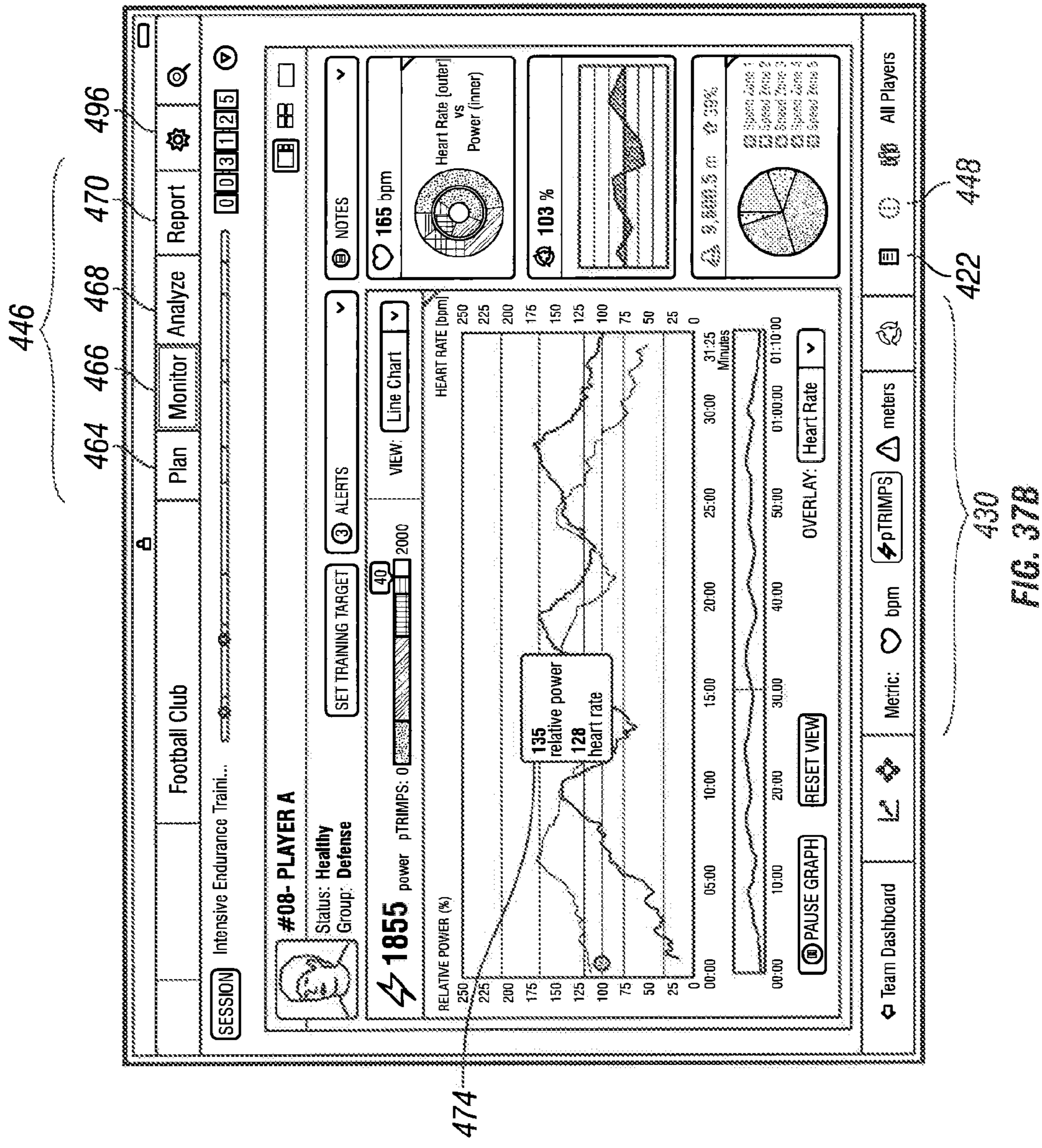
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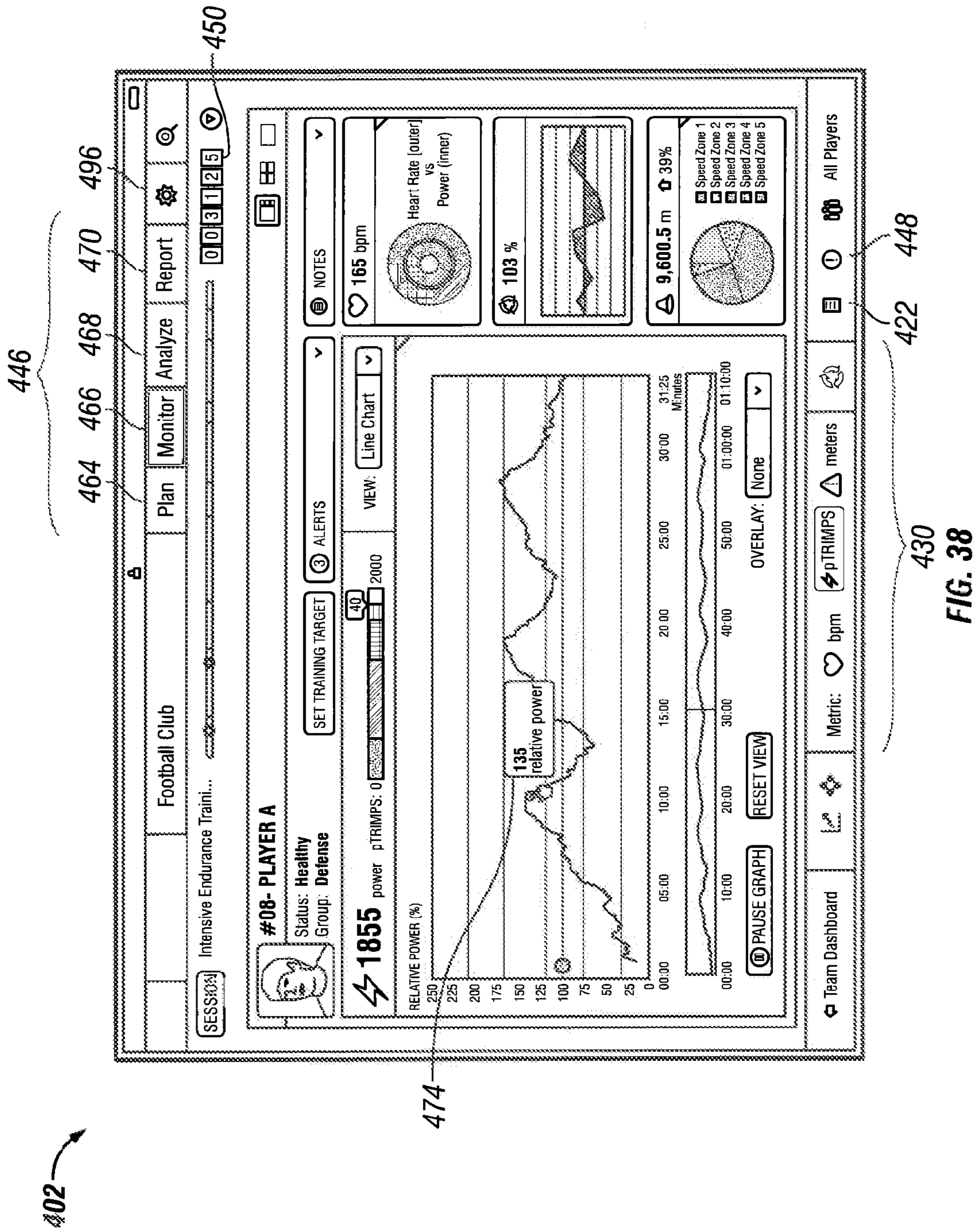
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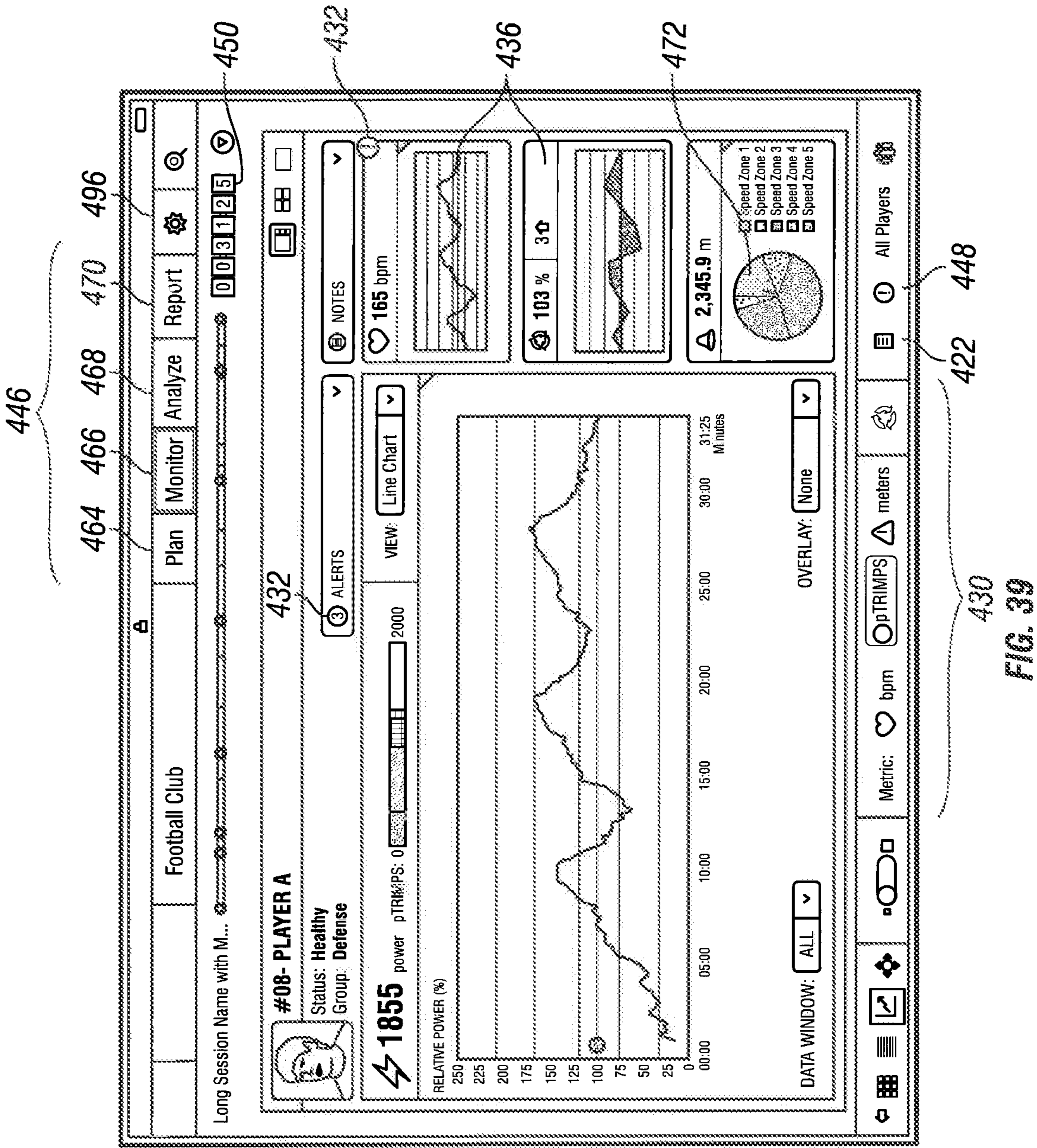


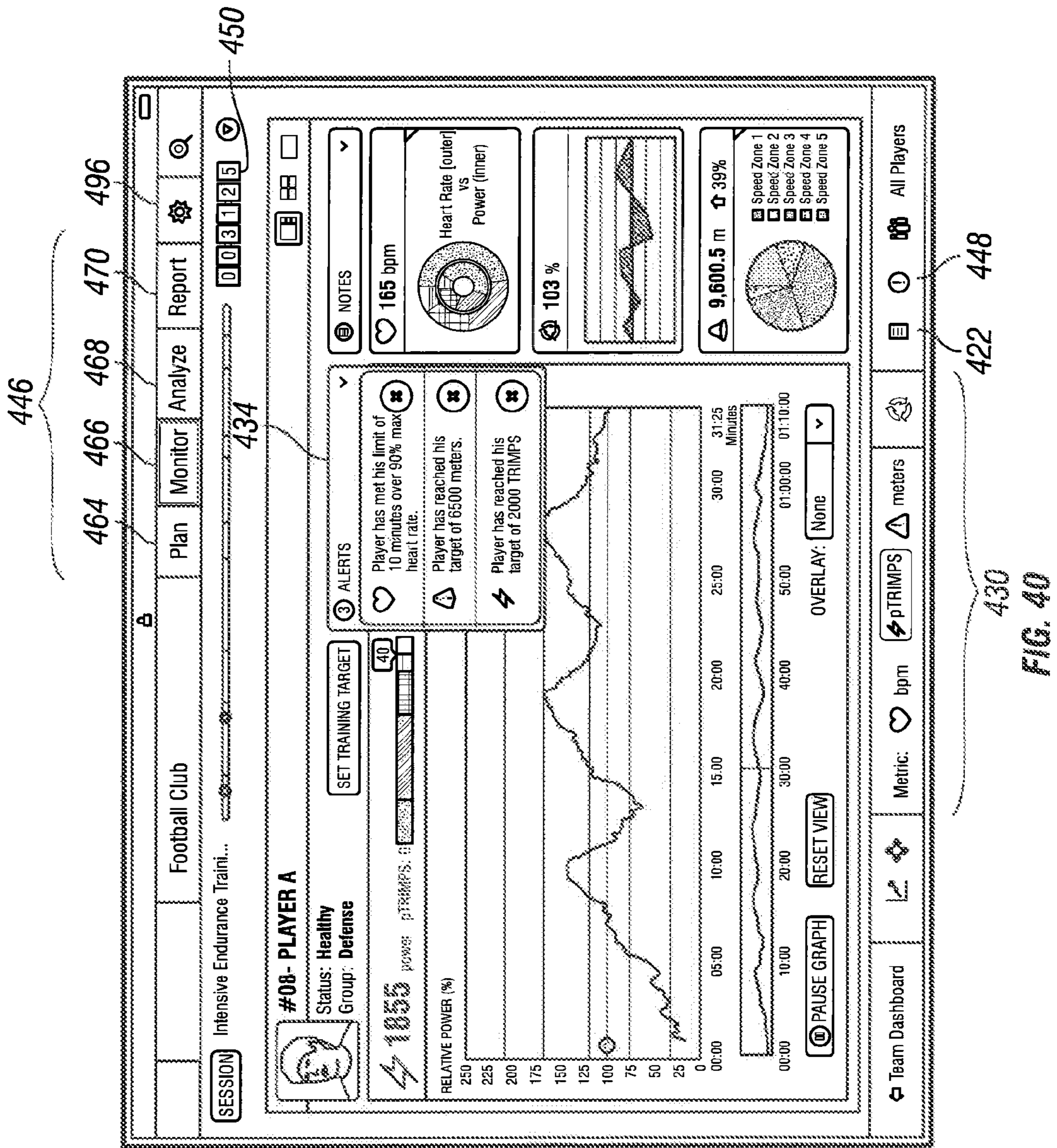


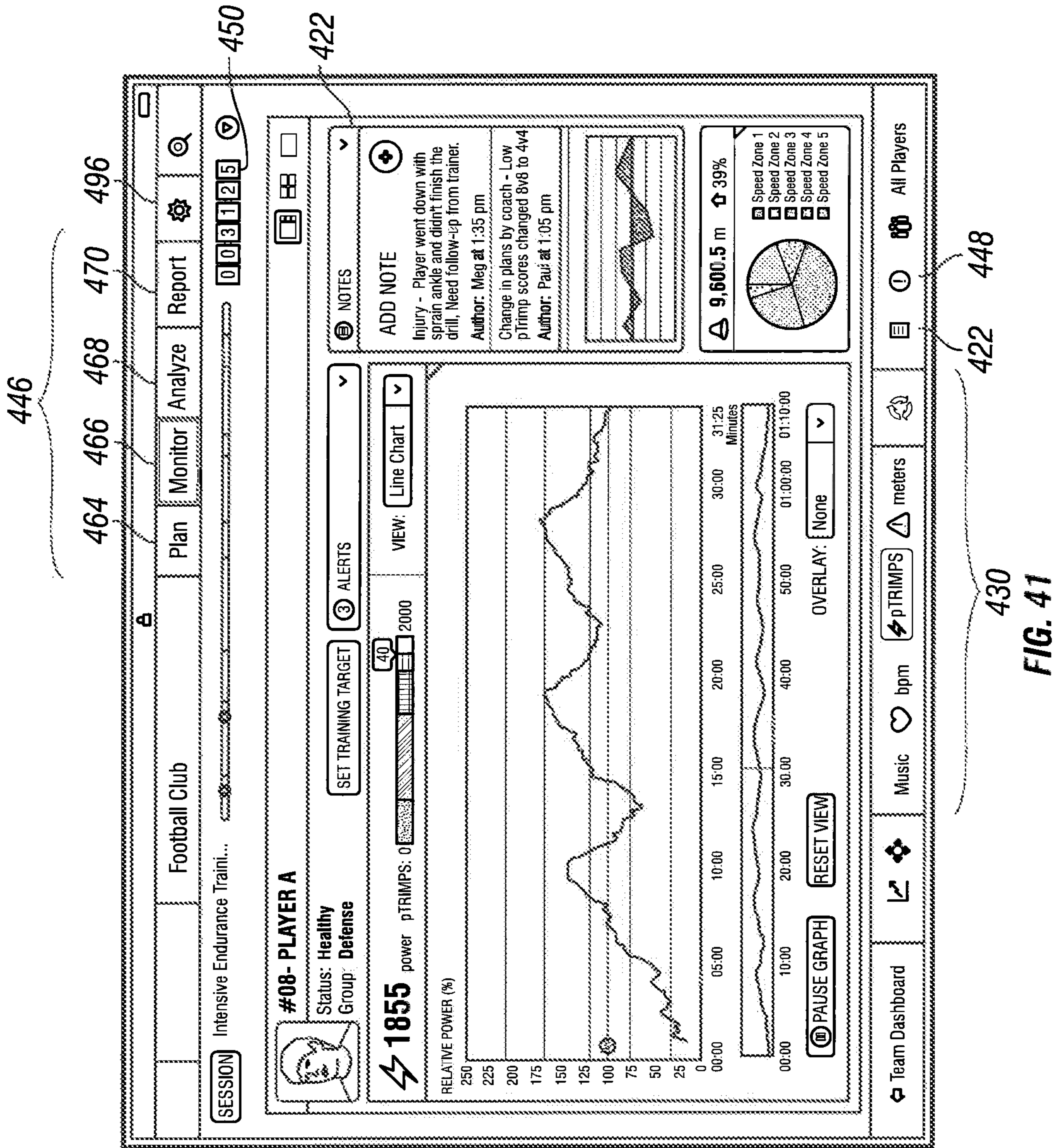




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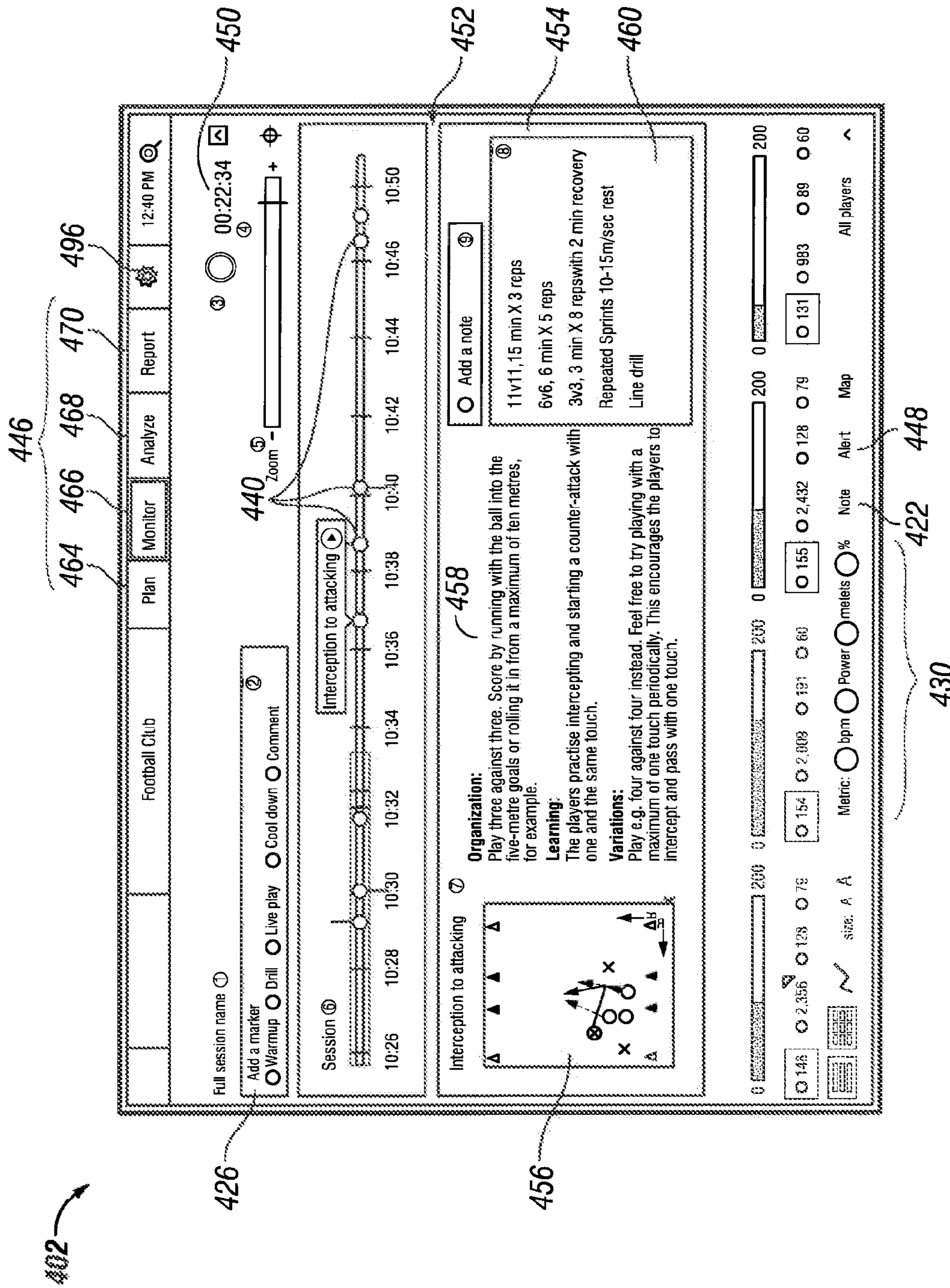


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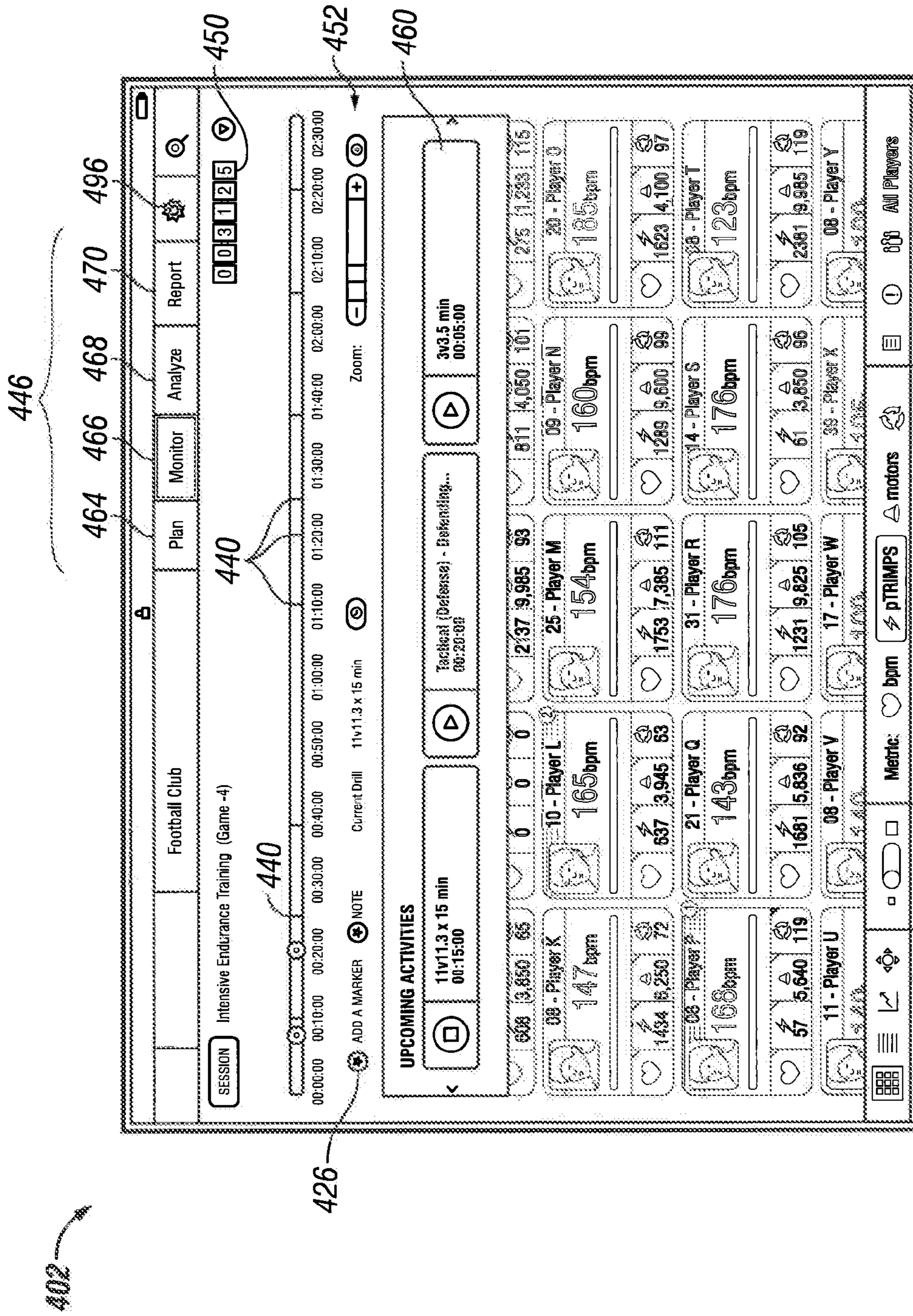


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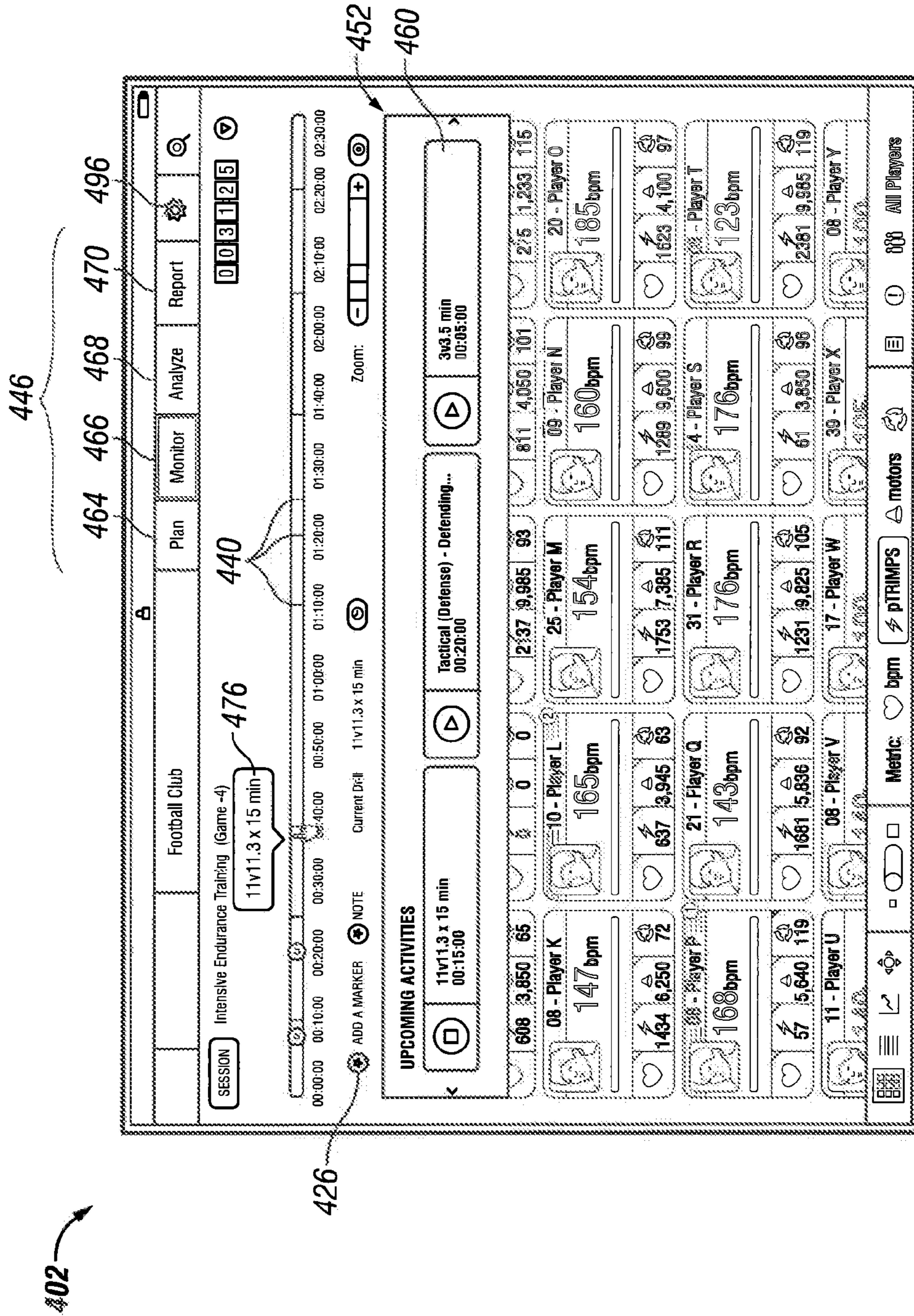


FIG. 42C

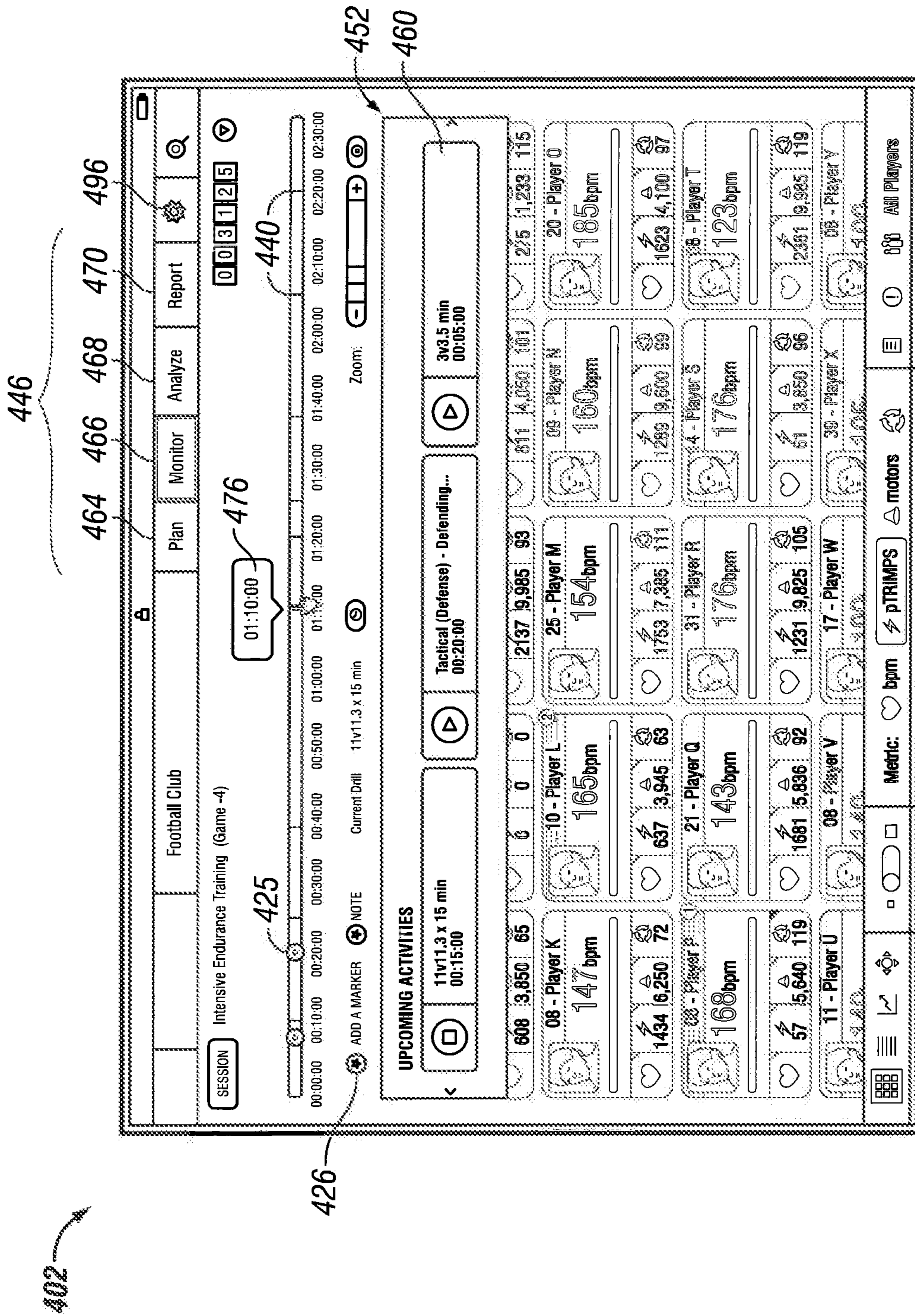


FIG. 420

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464 466 468 470 496

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Intensive Endurance Training (Game -4)

SESSION

00:00:00 00:10:00 00:20:00 00:30:00 00:40:00 01:00:00 01:10:00 01:20:00 01:30:00 01:40:00 02:00:00 02:20:00 02:30:00

ADD A MARKER NOTE

Current Drill 11v11.3 x 15 min

ADD A MARKER

Training Component: Technical

Drill Name: 3x3, 2 x 5 min

Intensity Level: High

Apply to Group: Offense

Time Stamp: 01:10:00 edit

Duration: 00:01:00 edit

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

- 11v11.3 x 15 min 00:15:00 168bpm
- Tactical (Defense) - Defending... 00:20:00 176bpm
- 3x3.5 min 00:05:00 123bpm

57 5,640 119 1681 5,836 92 1231 9,825 105 61 3,850 96 2361 9,985 119

11 - Player U 08 - Player V 17 - Player W 39 - Player X 08 - Player Y

metric bpm pTRIMPS meters All Players

FIG. 42E

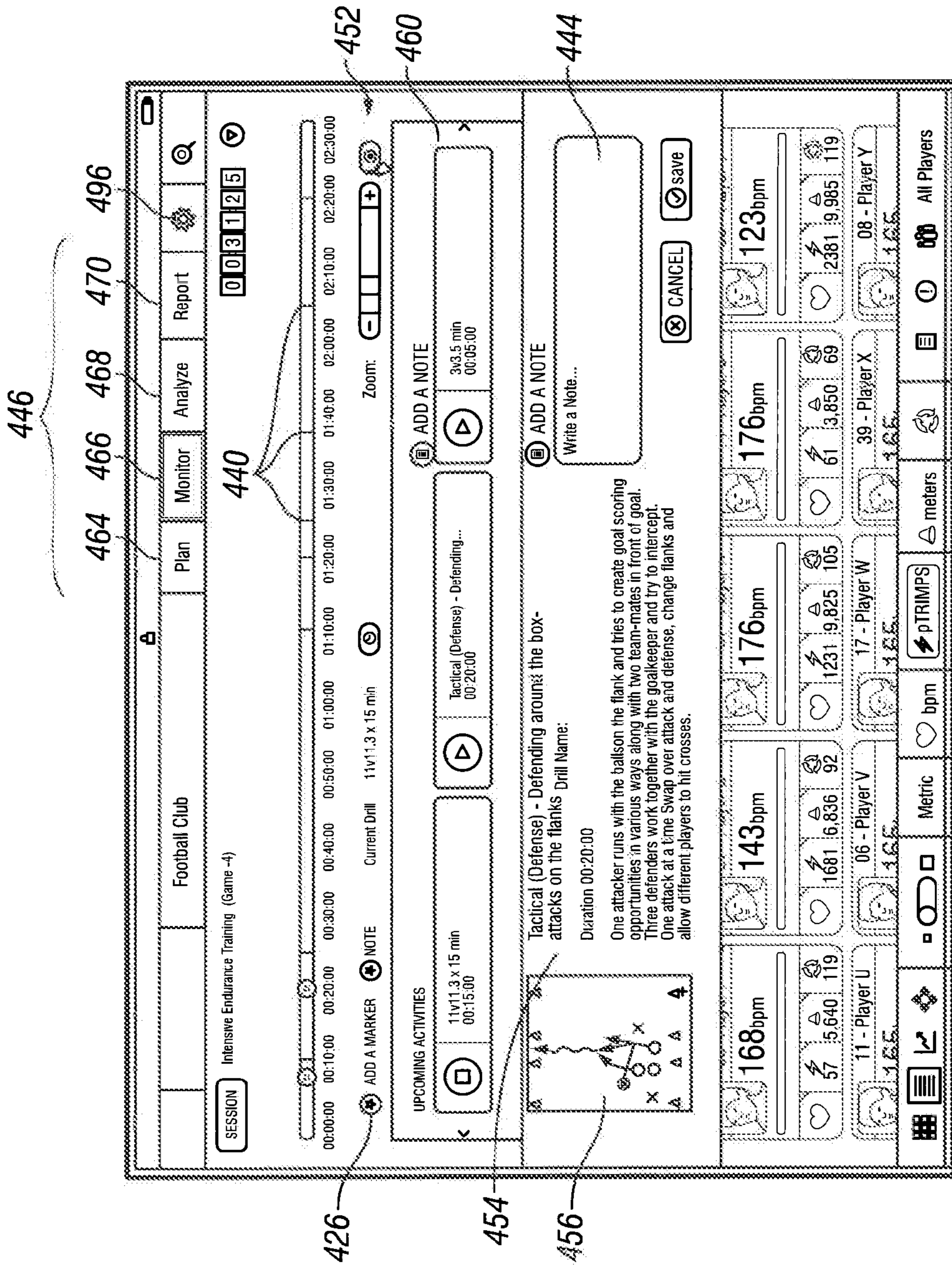


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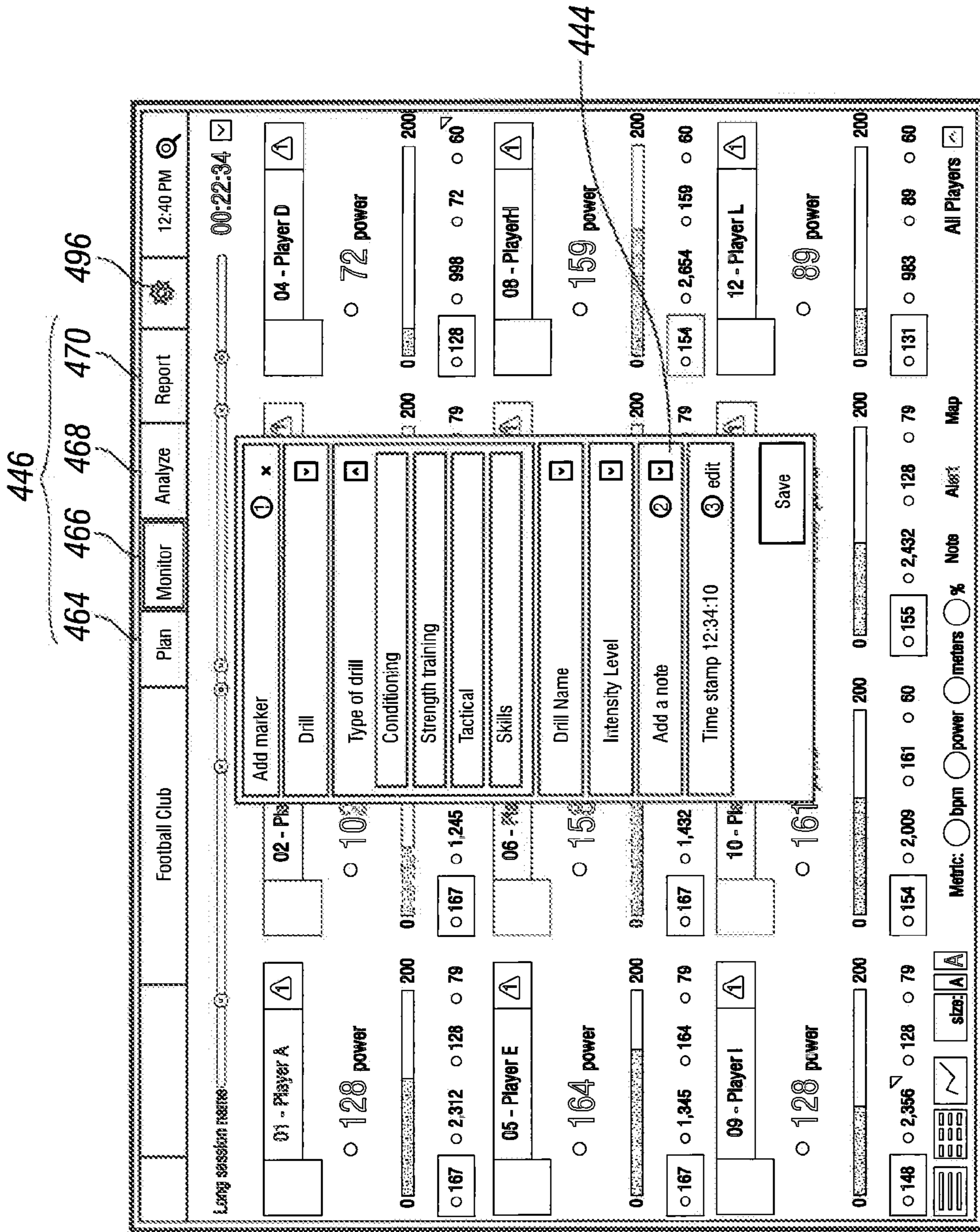


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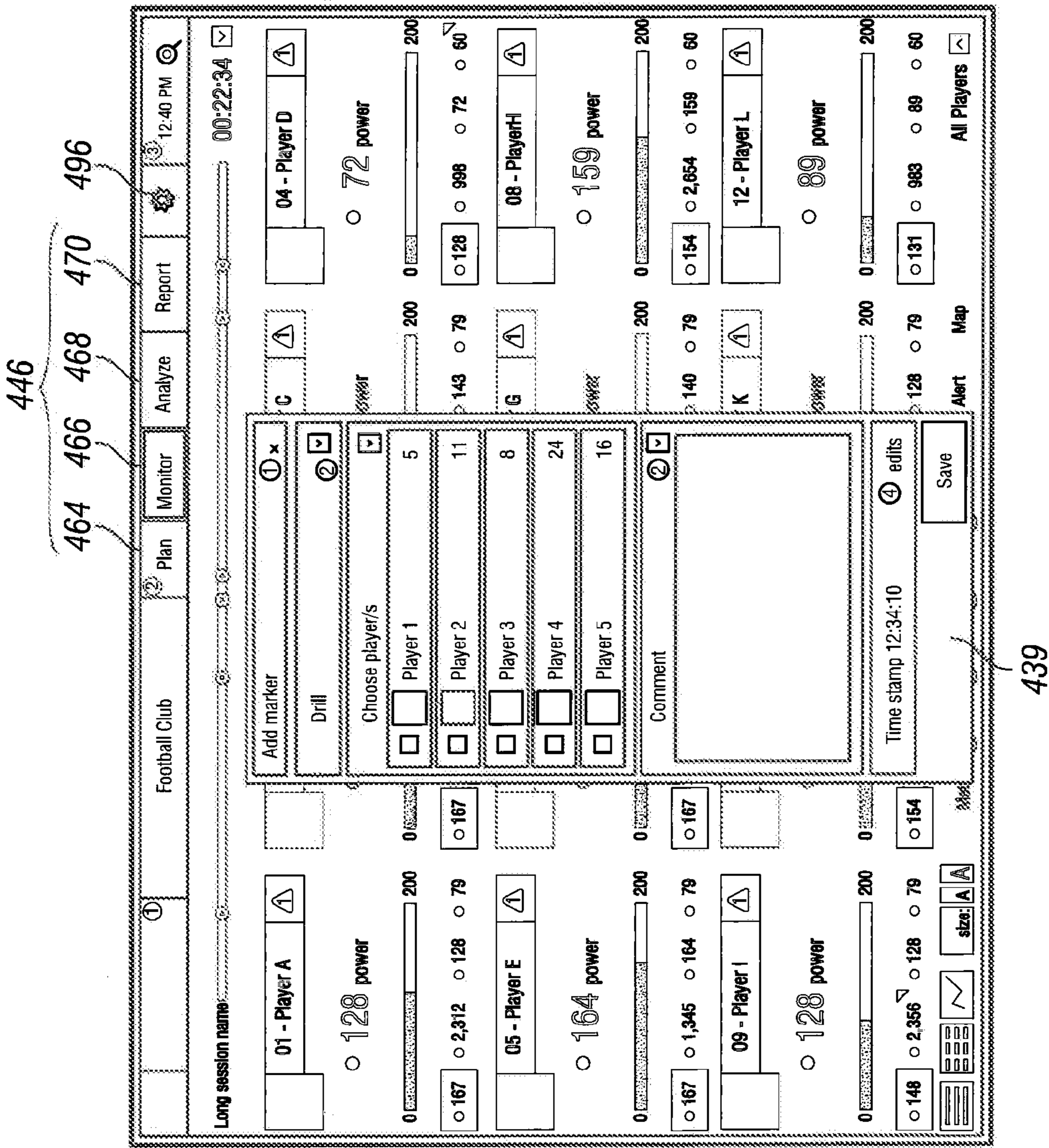


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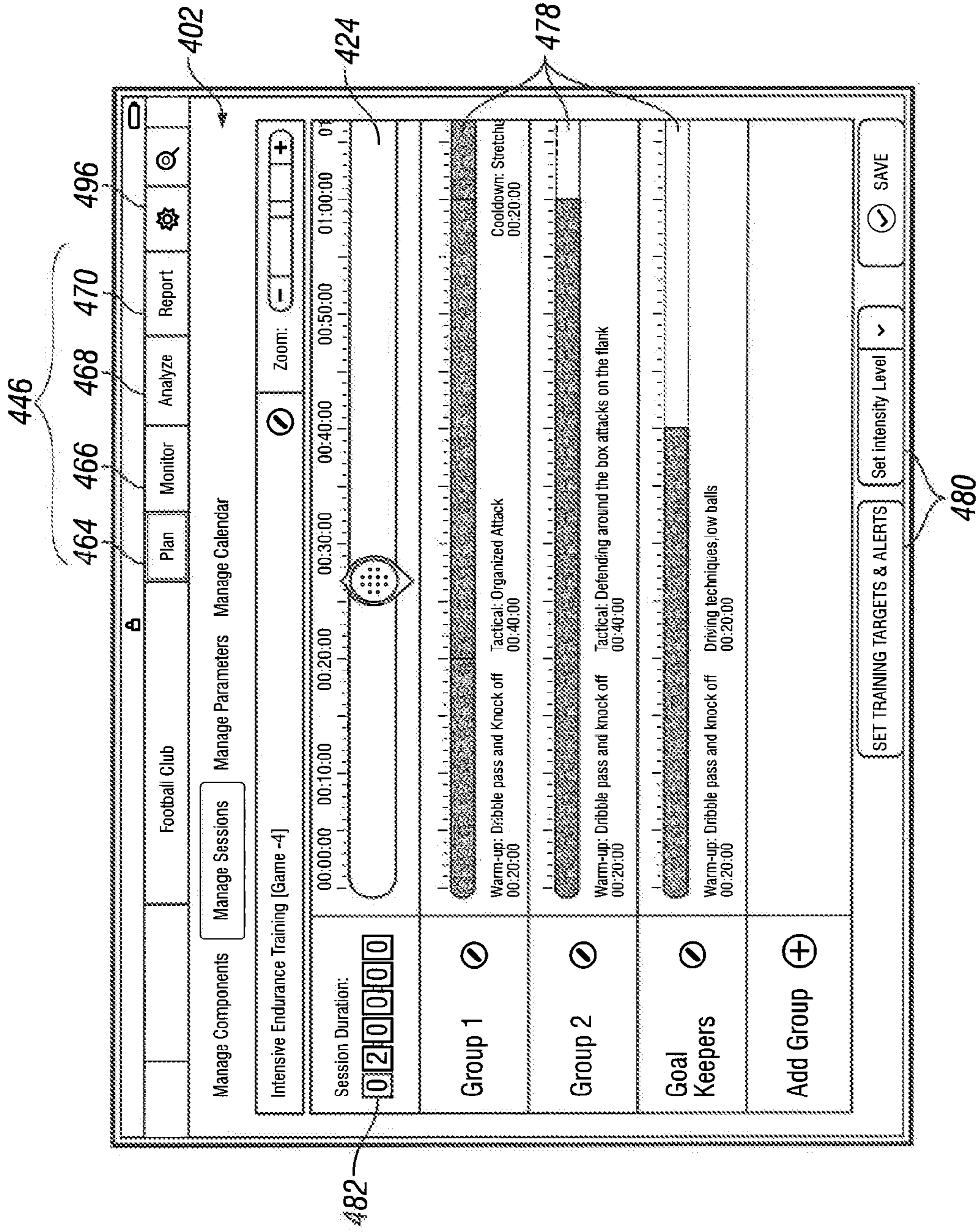


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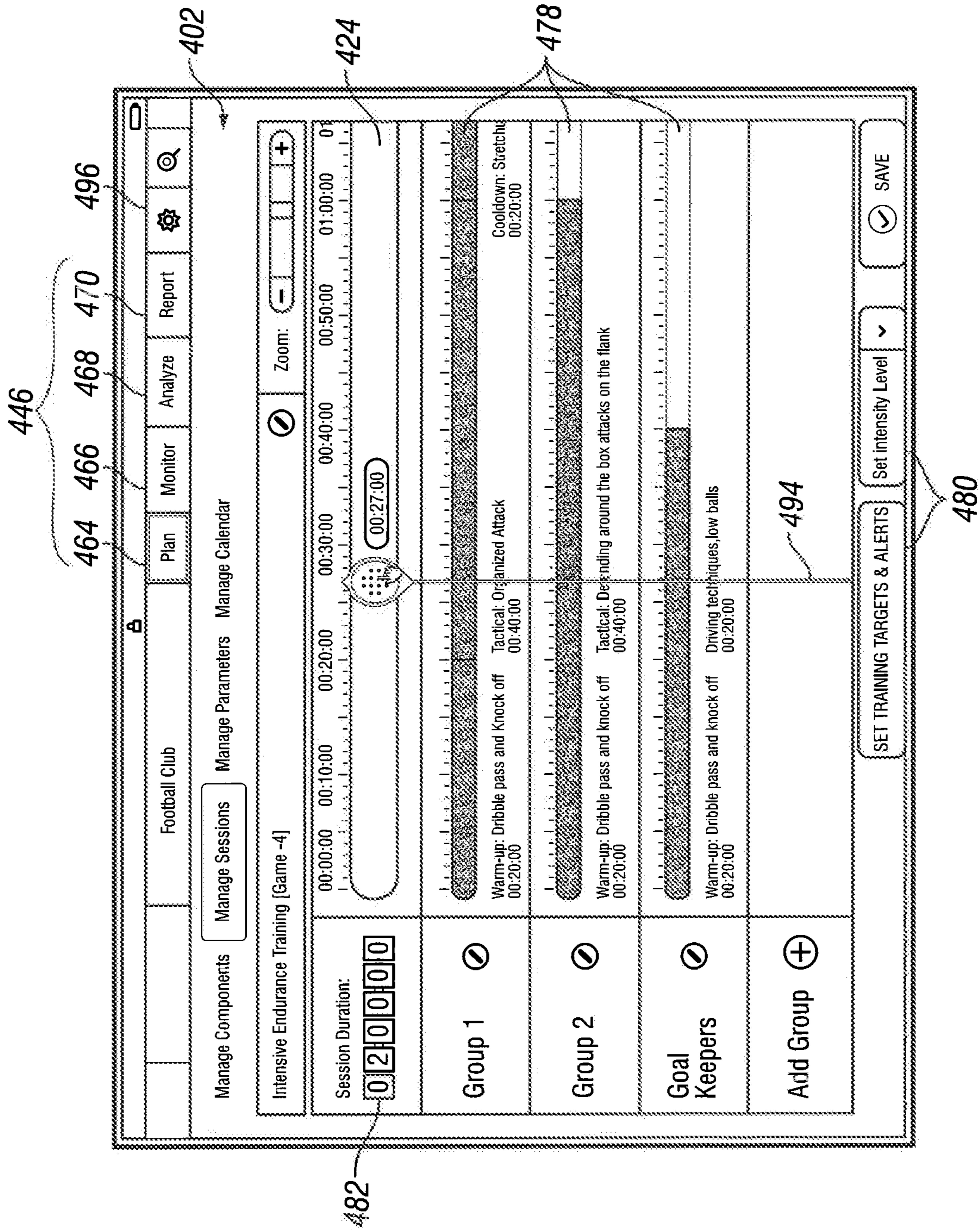


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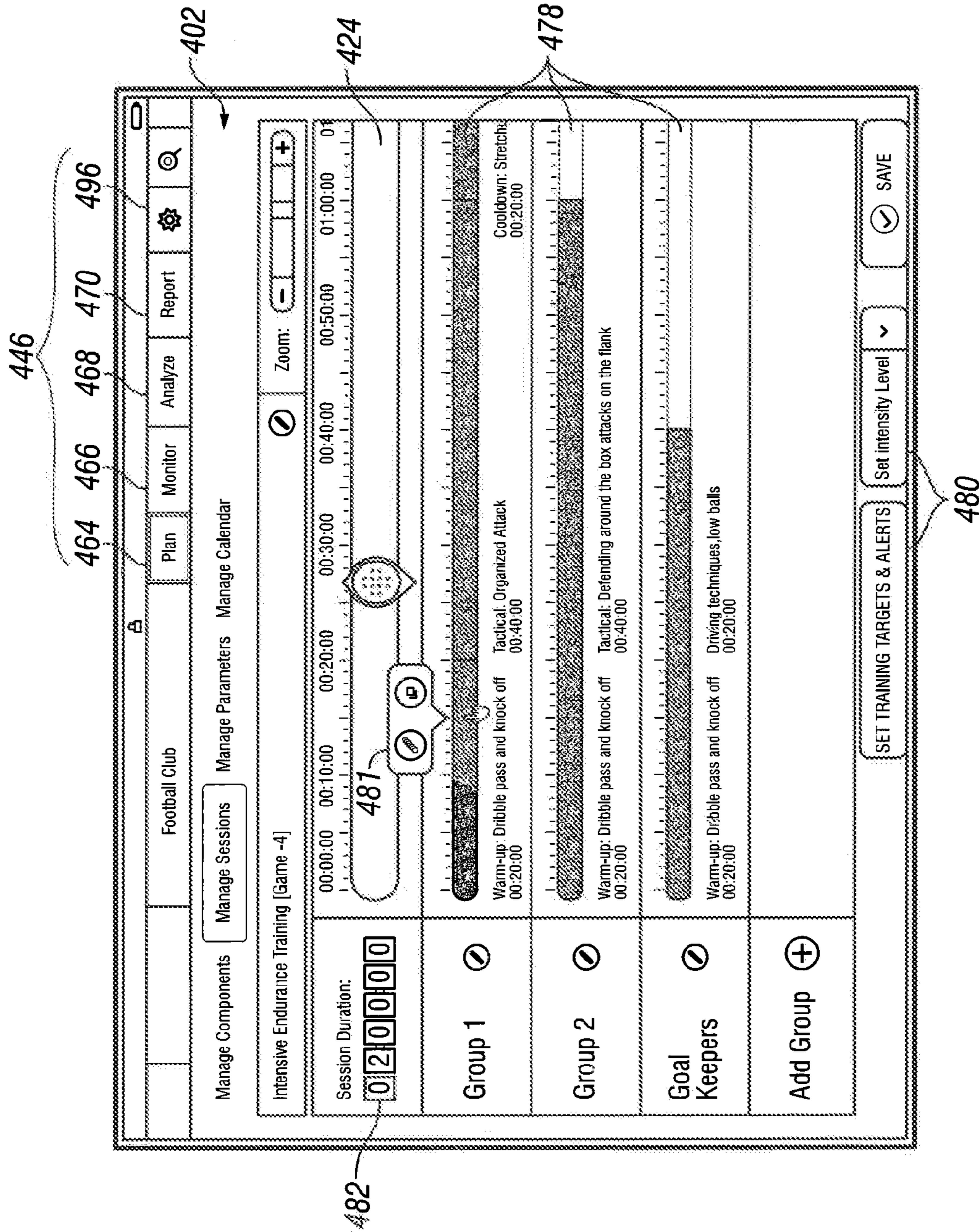


FIG. 47

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Football Club Plan Monitor Analyze Report

Manage Components Manage Sessions Manage Parameters Manage Calendar

Intensive Endurance Training (Game -4)

Session Duration: 02:00

Group 1

Group 2

Goal Keepers

Add Group

482

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FIG. 48

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The screenshot shows a software interface for managing training sessions. At the top, there is a navigation bar with icons for search, settings, and report. Below this is a sidebar with the following menu items: Manage Components, Manage Sessions, Manage Parameters, and Manage Calendar. The main content area is titled 'Set Training Target & Alerts' and contains a 'Creative New' section with a 'Parameter:' dropdown set to 'Heart Rate'. Below this is a 'Stay within Zone:' section with a 'Green' dropdown and a '% of Max:' input field. A line graph shows a heart rate trend over time, with the y-axis ranging from 0 to 240. Below the graph is a 'Stay Between:' section with a range of '128 - 149'. An 'Assign:' dropdown is set to 'Group 1'. At the bottom of the main content area is an 'ADD TO SET TARGETS' button. To the right of the main content area is a 'Session Targets' section with two rows of targets: 'Training Impact 2,000 pTRIMPS Offense' and 'Distance 6,500 meters Team', and 'Training Impact 1,500 pTRIMPS Defense'. Below this is a 'CANCEL' and 'SAVE' button. At the bottom of the interface is a bar with 'SET TRAINING TARGETS & ALERTS' and 'SAVE' buttons. A label '486' points to the 'ADD TO SET TARGETS' button.

FIG. 49

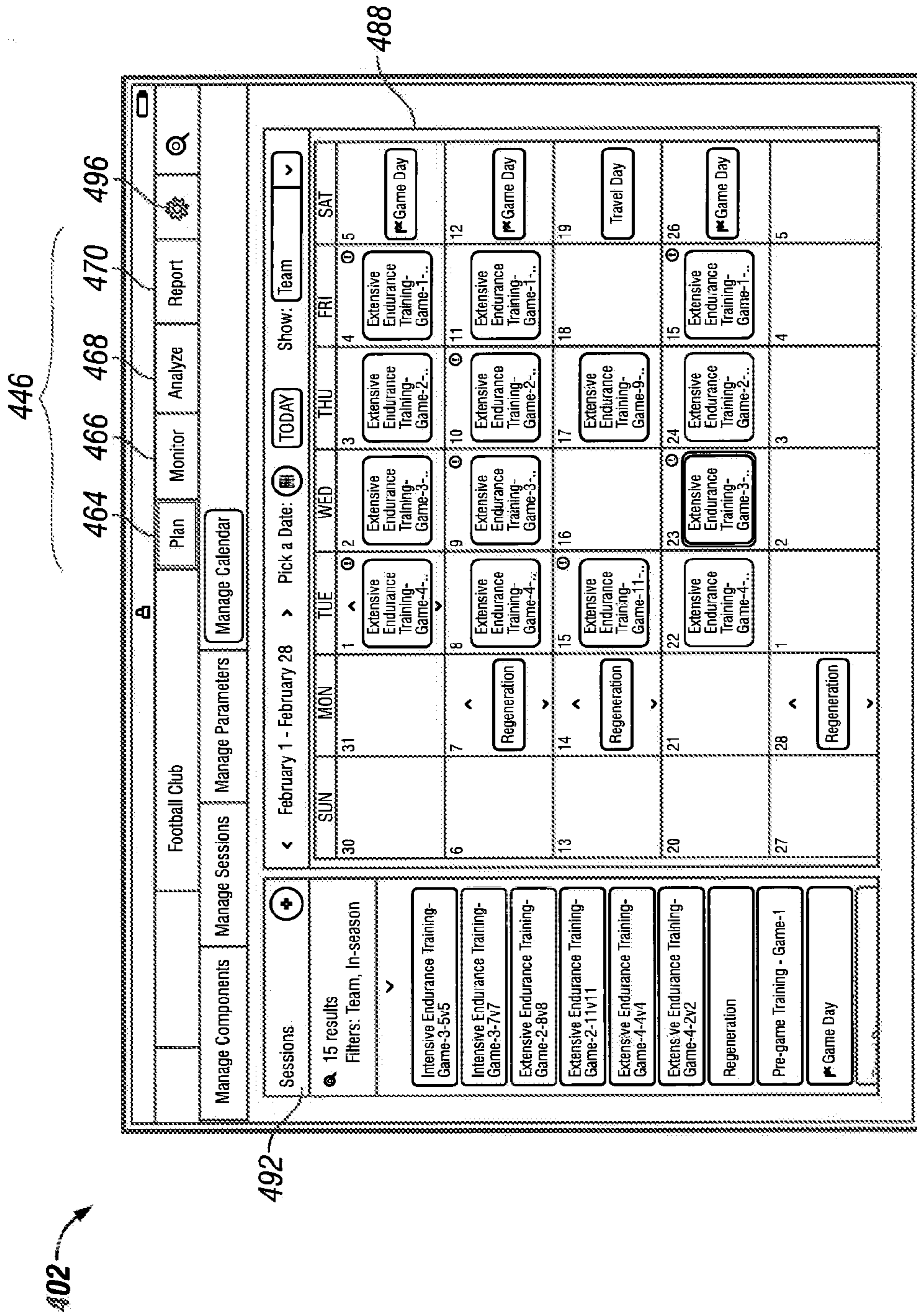


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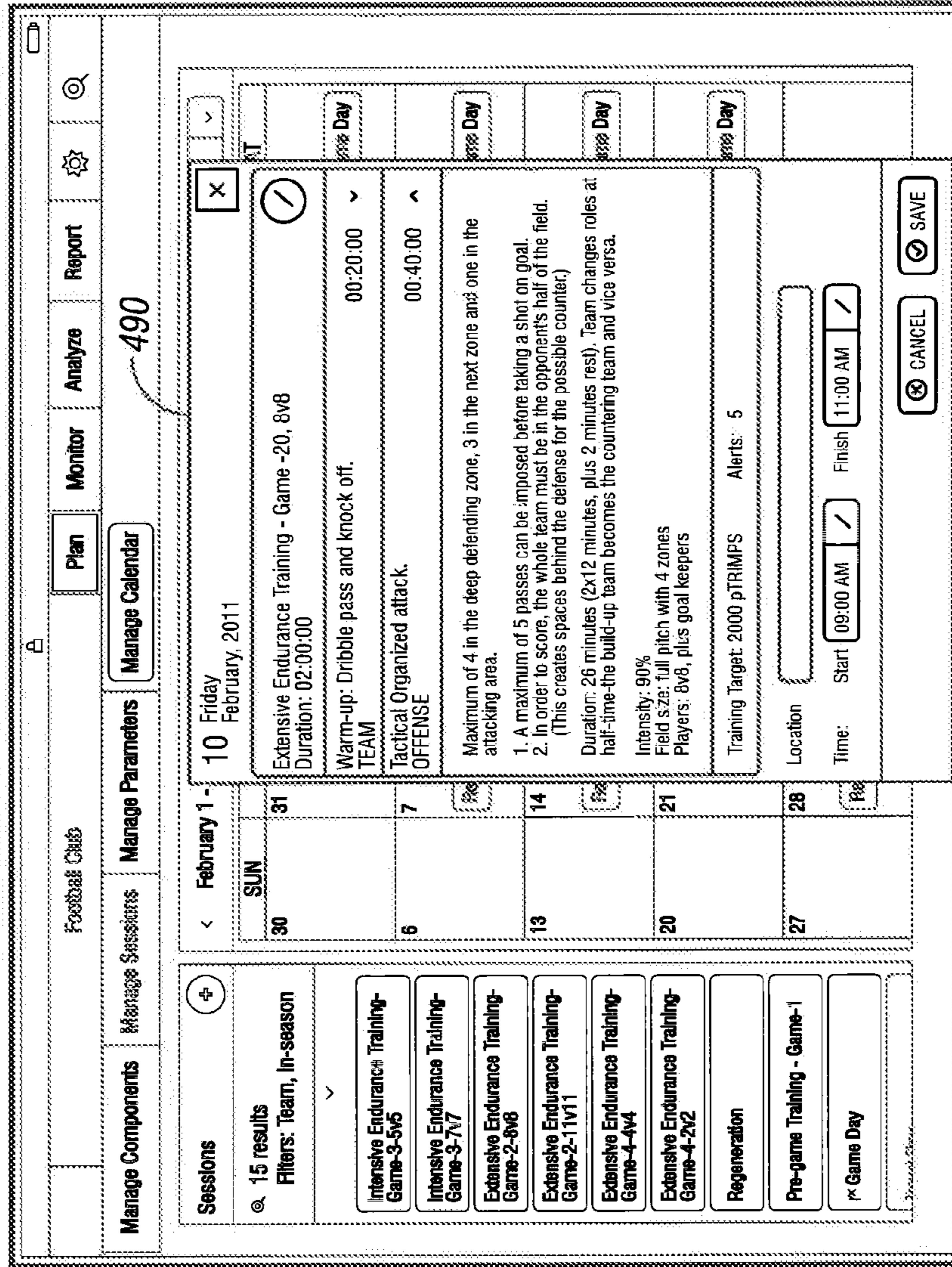


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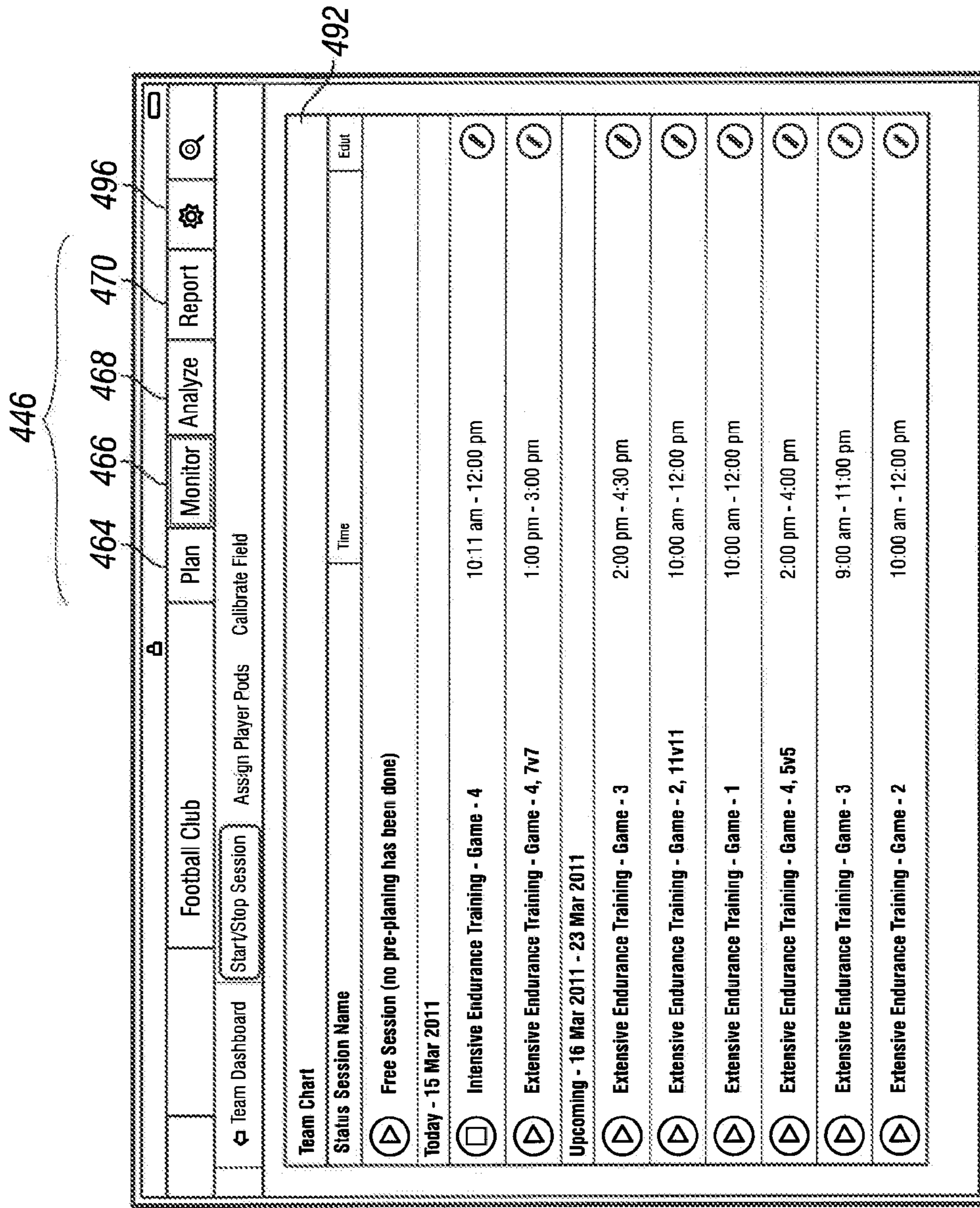


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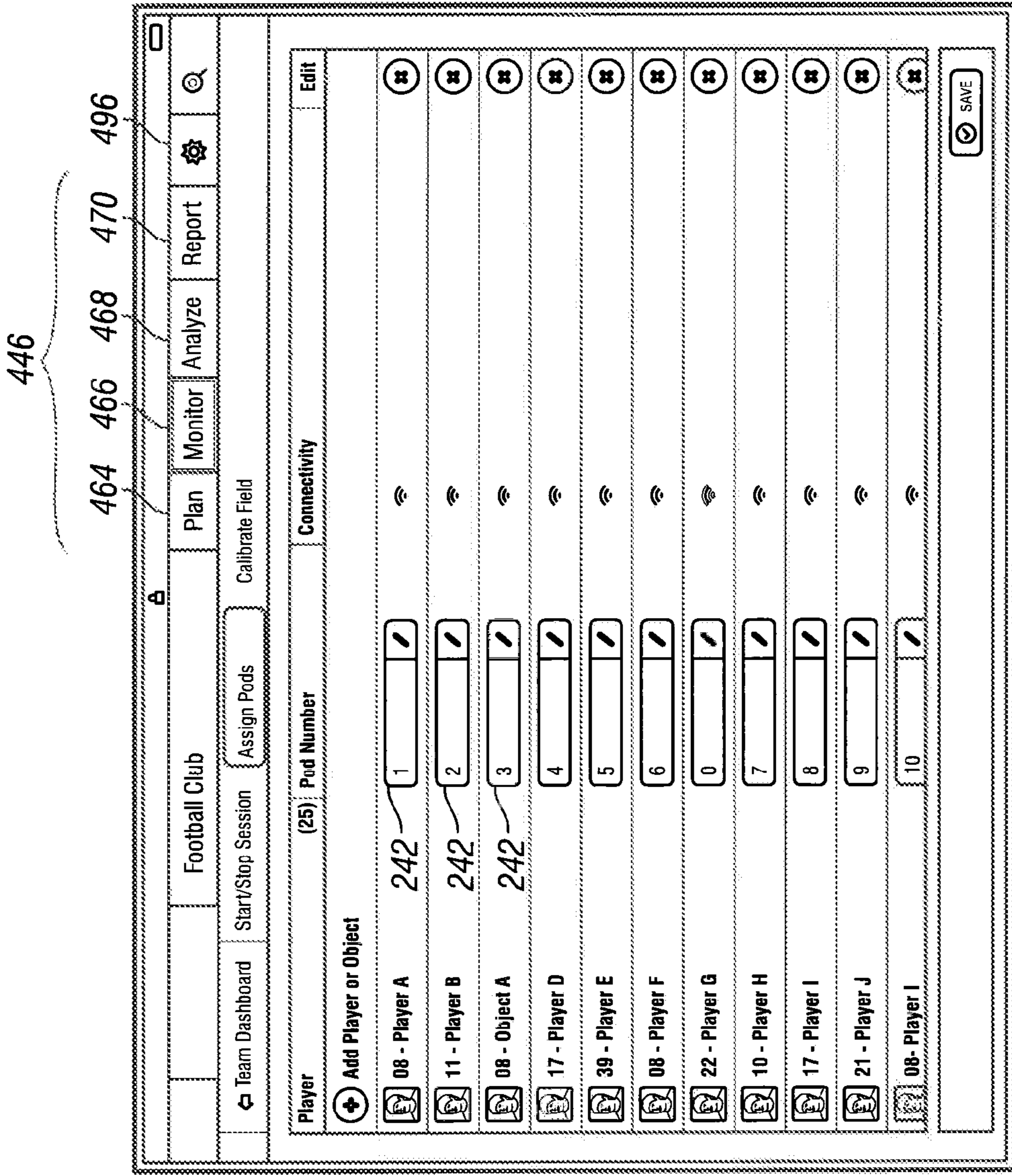


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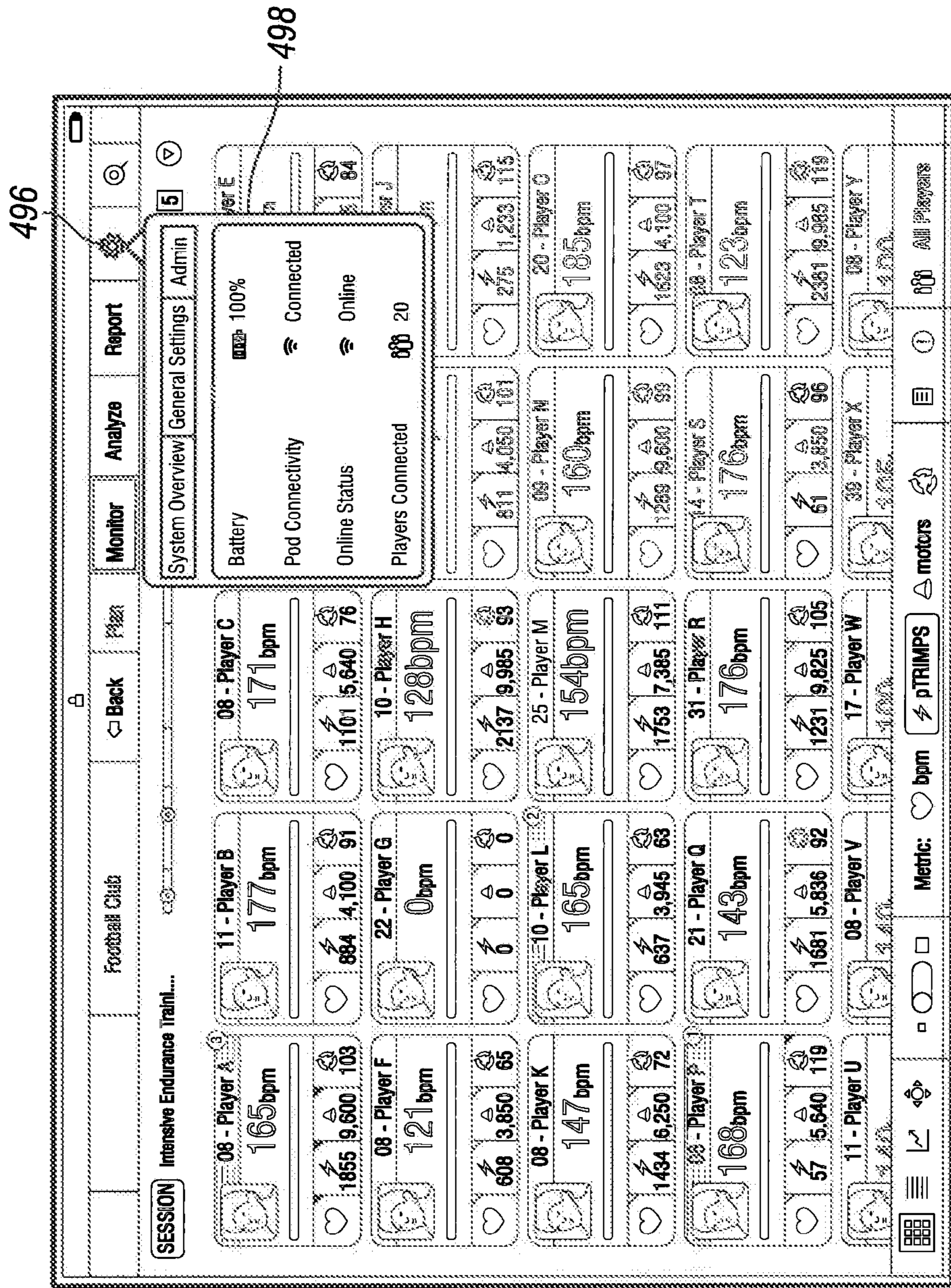


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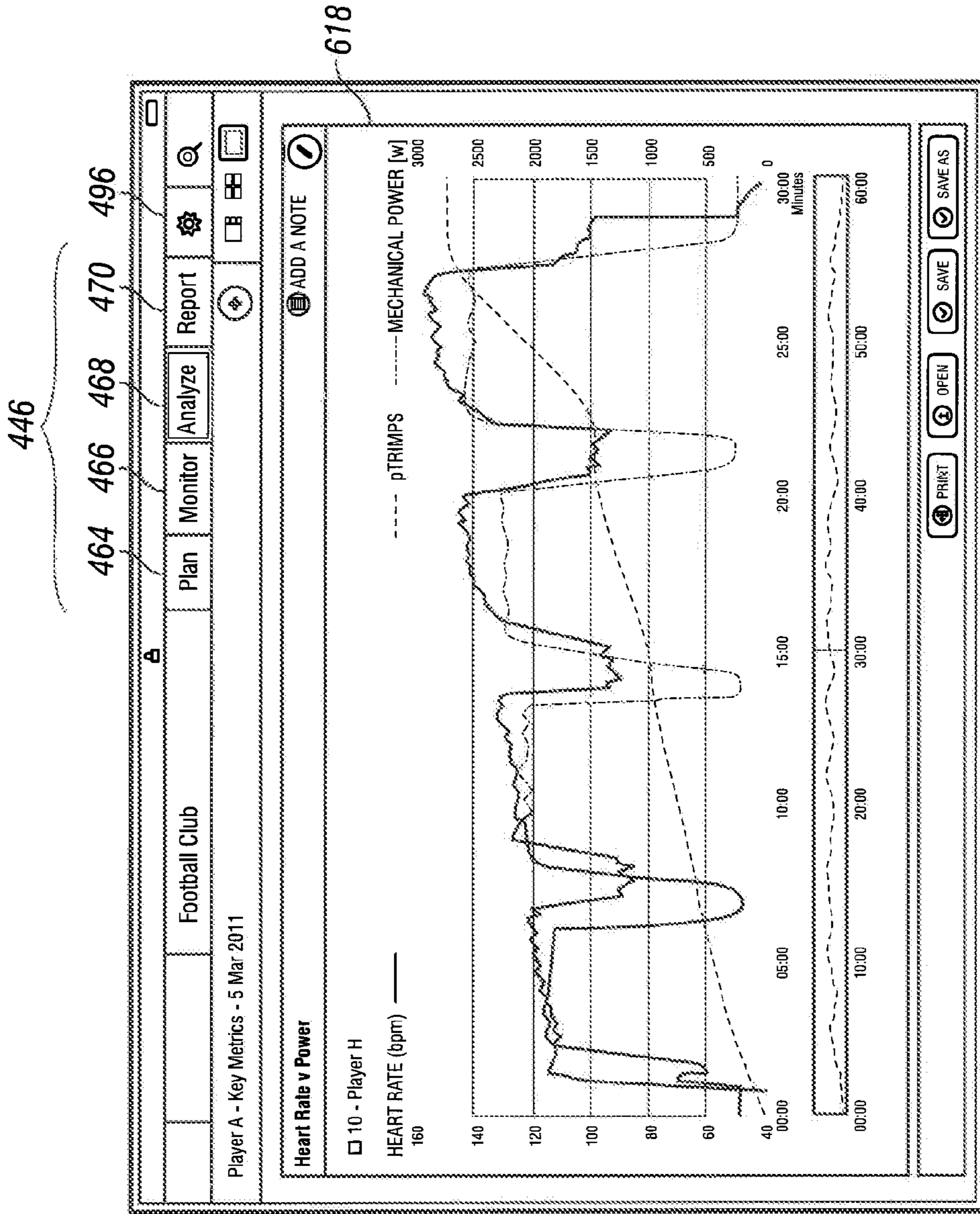


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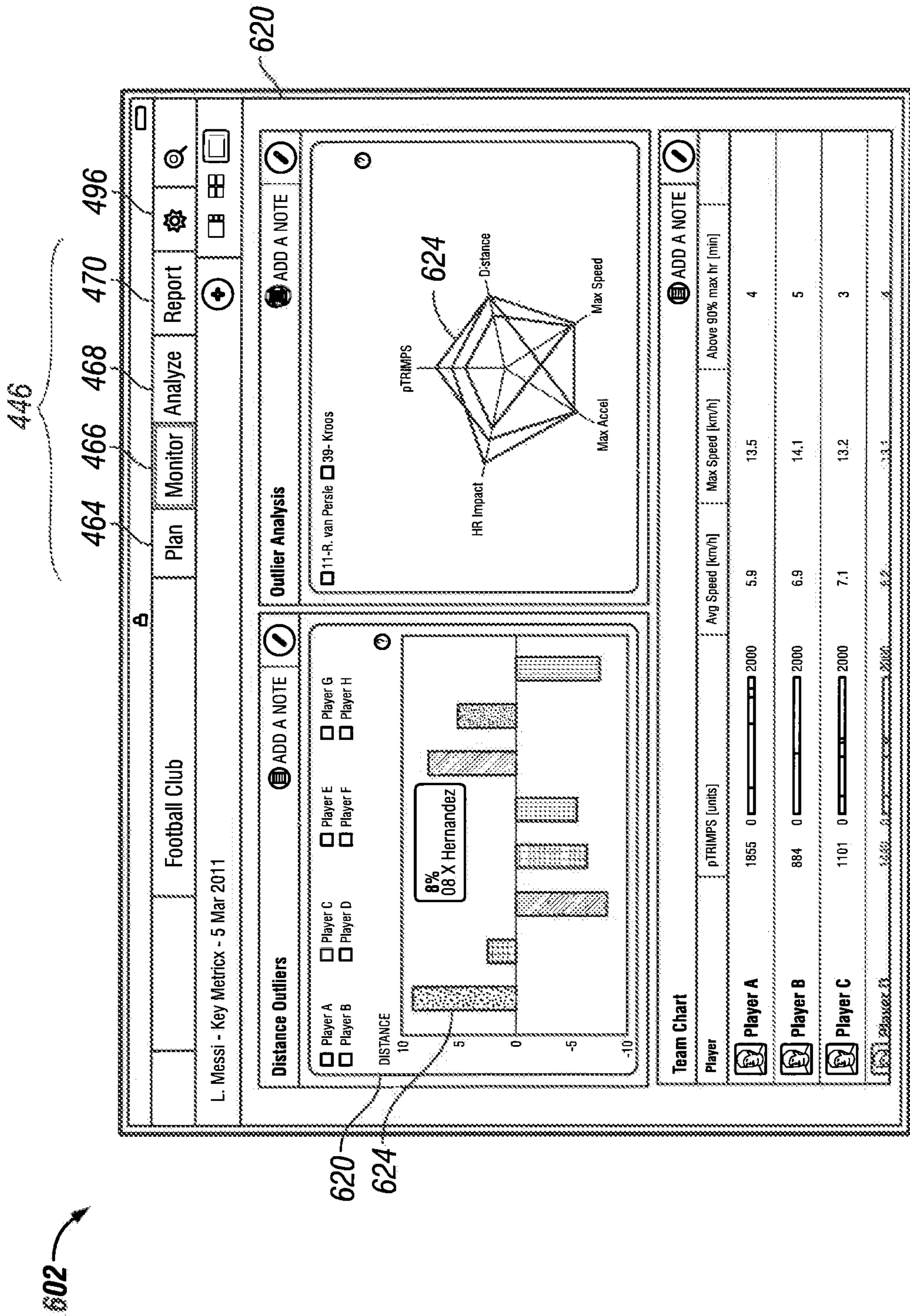


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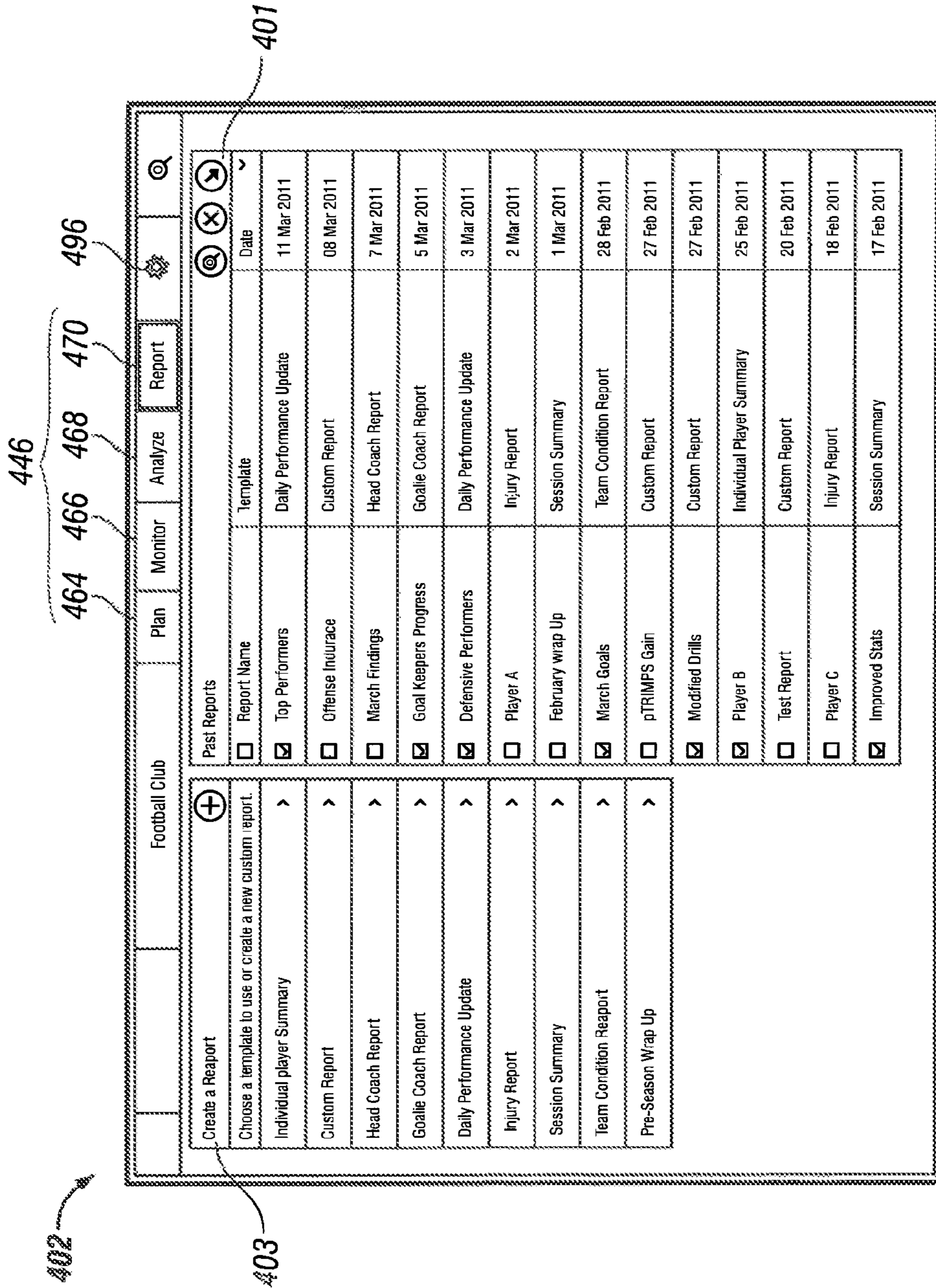


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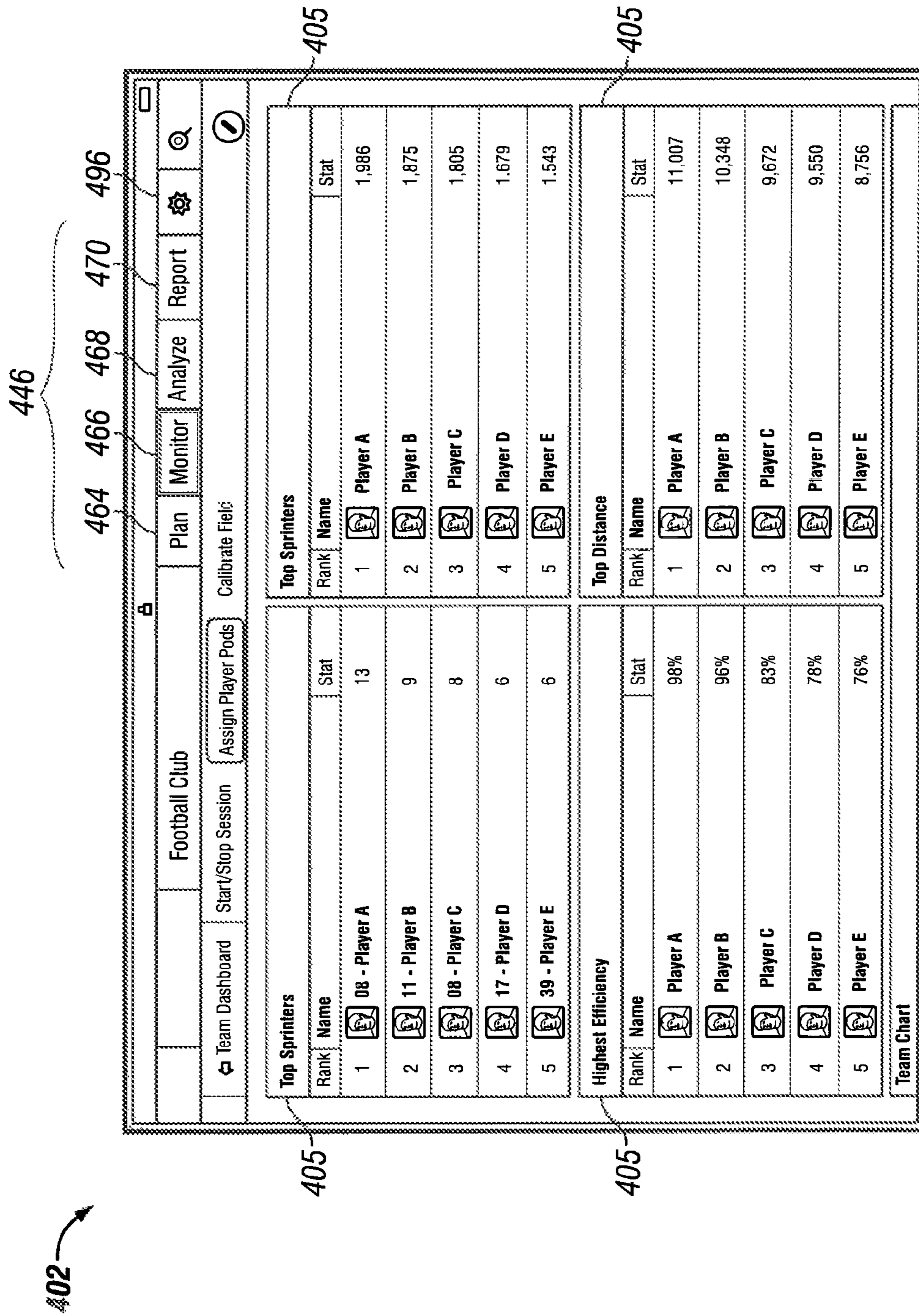


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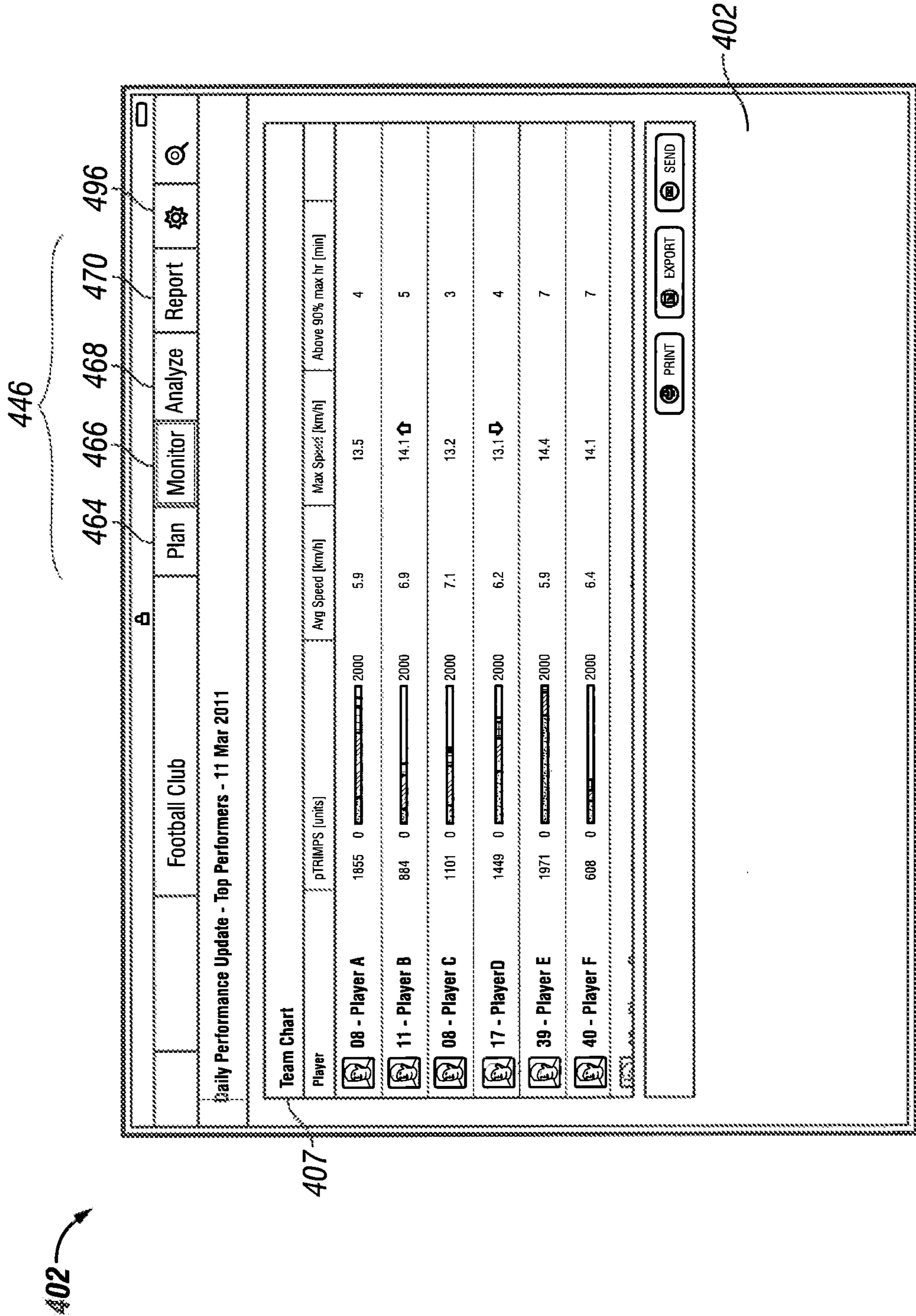


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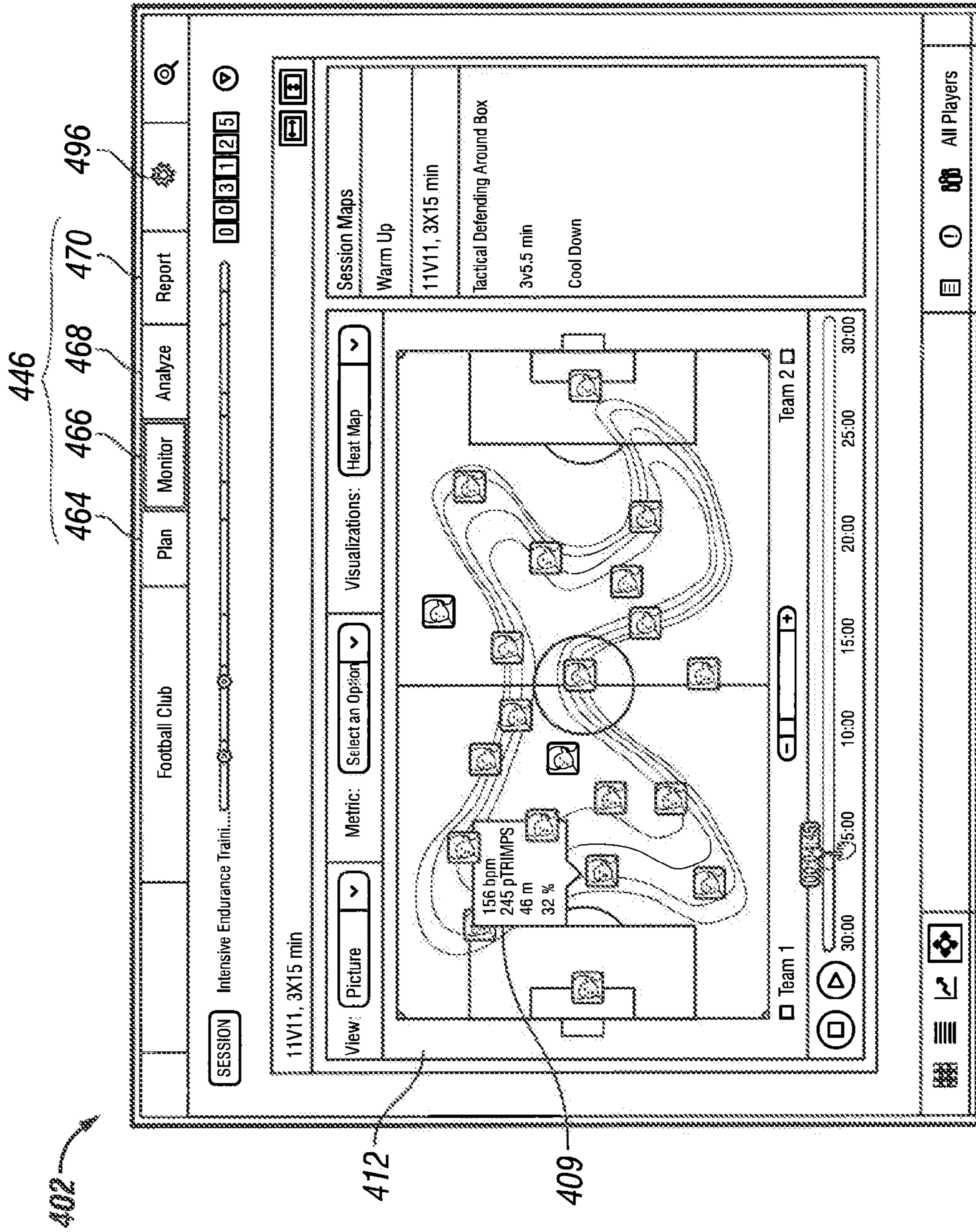


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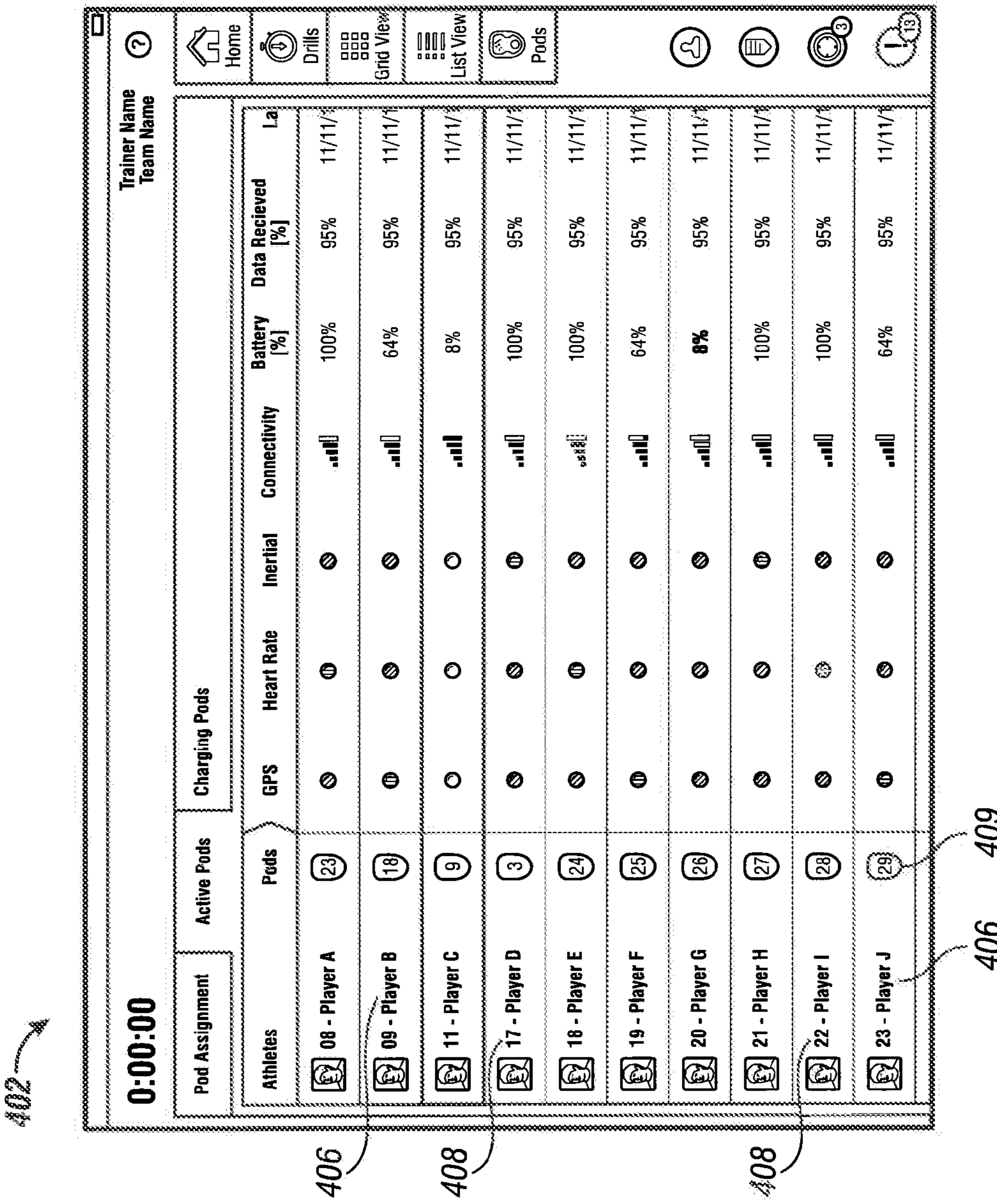


FIG. 61

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0:00:00

Trainer Name
Team Name

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Pod Assignment

Active Pods

Charging Pods

Pods	Charging	Battery [%]	Available Space [#]	Current Firmware [Version]	Target Firmware [Version]
23	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	97%	64%	5.12	5.13
18	<input type="checkbox"/>	64%	35%	5.12	5.13
9	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	05%	23%	5.12	5.13
3	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	92%	77%	5.12	5.13
24	<input type="checkbox"/>	97%	88%	5.12	5.13
25	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	64%	63%	5.12	5.13
26	<input type="checkbox"/>	05%	55%	5.12	5.13
27	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	92%	71%	5.12	5.13
28	<input type="checkbox"/>	97%	88%	5.12	5.13
29	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	64%	63%	5.12	5.13

Home

Drills

Grid View

List View

Pods

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FIG. 62

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0:00:00

Trainer Name
Team Name

Athletes Users Team Pods Sync History Close

Pod Firmware

Version: 5.13
Date: 26/02/2012
Mode: Dev Mode C
Add New Firmware See More

Data Collection

Research Mode: Off Mode A Mode B

Pods Display #	Serial #	Current Firmware [Version]
01 >	1234-5678-9012-3456	5.12
02 >	1234-5678-9012-3457	5.12
03 >	1234-5678-9012-3458	5.12
04 >	1234-5678-9012-3459	5.12
05 >	1234-5678-9012-3460	5.12
06 >	1234-5678-9012-3461	5.12
07 >	1234-5678-9012-3462	5.12

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FIG. 63

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0:00:00

Trainer Name
Team Name

Athletes

Users

Team

Pods

Sync History

Close

Date/Time	Sync Status	Reason	View Details
30/02/2012 - 12:43 pm	Success		View Details
24/02/2012 - 3:23 pm	Success		View Details
03/01/2012 - 6:14 pm	Success		View Details
03/01/2012 - 12:58 pm	Failure	Failure due to connection issues. Lorem ipsum...	View Details
03/01/2012 - 11:23 am	Failure	Failure due to connection issues. Lorem ipsum...	View Details
30/11/2011 - 2:09 pm	Success		View Details
27/11/2011 - 4:14 pm	Success		View Details
26/11/2011 - 1:15 pm	Success		View Details
23/11/2011 - 12:58 pm	Success		View Details
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Home

Drills

Grid View

List View

Pods

?

FIG. 64

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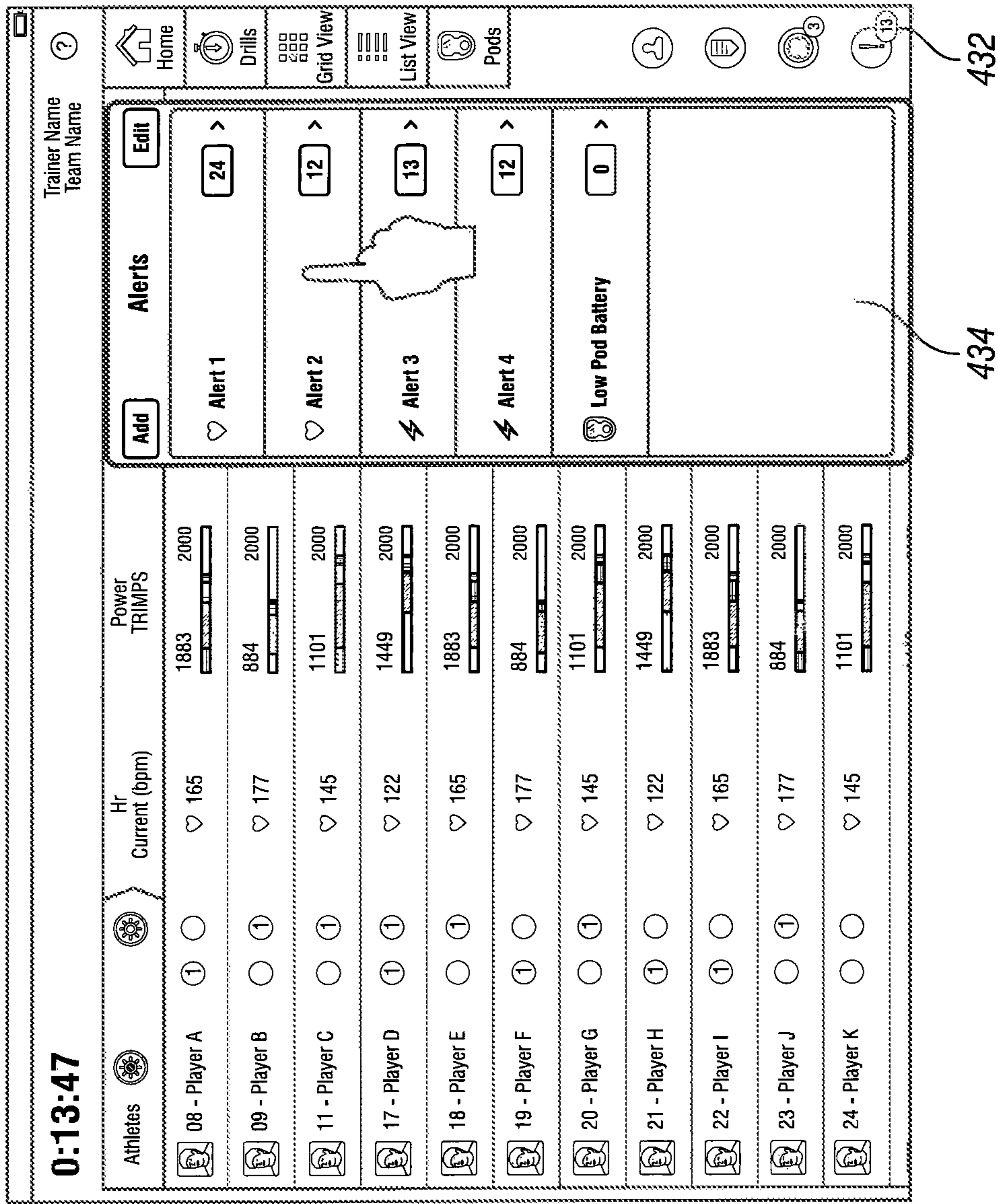


FIG. 65

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The screenshot shows a mobile application interface for a "Drill Manager". At the top left, a timer displays "0:13:47". Below the timer is the text "Trainer Name" and "Team Name" with an "Add" button. The main area is titled "Drill Manager [2/4]" and contains a list of drills. The first drill is "PD - 2 by 4 min" with a timer of "0:03:28 / 0:12:00" and "Interval: 2 / 6". The second drill is "SSG - 5v5 + 1 w/ Goalie - 30x40" with a timer of "0:18:38 / 0:30:00" and "Interval: 2 / 4". Below the drills are four interval settings: "1 - Active Interval" (0:05:51 / 0:10:00), "2 - Rest Interval" (0:05:00 / 0:05:00), "3 - Active Interval" (0:07:47 / 0:10:00), and "4 - Rest Interval" (0:05:00). At the bottom, there are two more drills: "SSG - 3v3 + 1 w/ Goalie - 20x30" and "SD - 3 by 7 min". To the right of the drills is a "Player Status" section with three entries: "08 - Player A" (Exceeded a Max Heart Rate of 200 bpm), "10 - Player B" (6,500 Meters), and "17 - Player C" (Low Pod Battery Pod: 10). A navigation bar at the top right contains icons for Home, Drills, Grid View, List View, and Pods. A bottom navigation bar contains icons for a person, a list, a refresh, and an alert.

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FIG. 66

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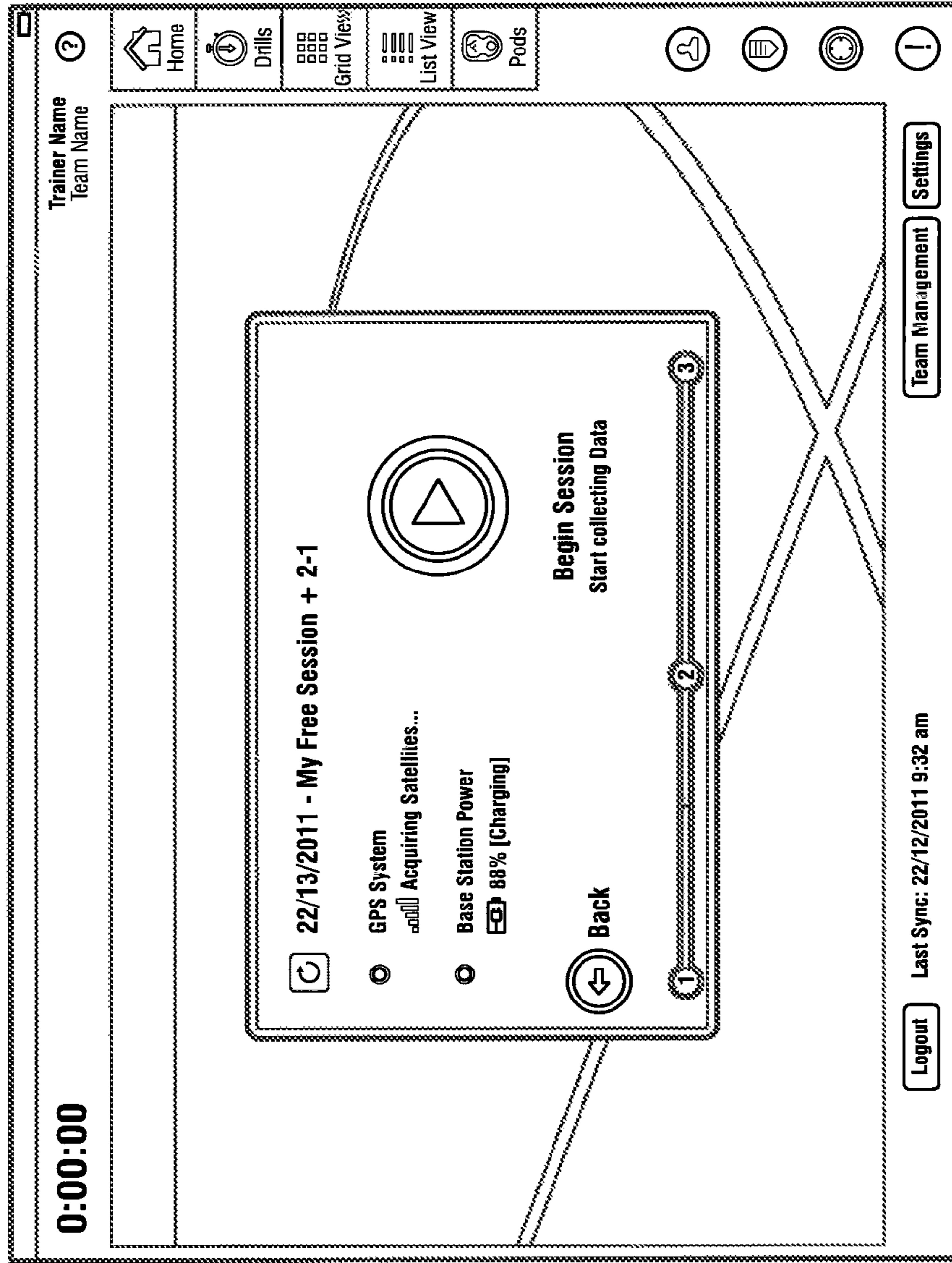


FIG. 67

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The screenshot displays a mobile application interface with a top navigation bar and a main settings area. The top bar includes a timer '0:13:47', a 'Trainer Name' field, a 'Team Name' field, and a 'Close' button. Navigation icons for Home, Drills, Grid View, List View, and Pods are also present. The settings area is organized into several sections: 'Athlete Sorting' with radio buttons for 'Jersey' and 'Surname'; 'Notifications' with toggle switches for System Alerts, Athlete Alerts, and Targets; 'Metric Unit Preferences' with dropdown menus for Speed (m/s) and Acceleration (m/s²); and 'Base Station' with dropdowns for Base Station Number (01) and Channel (31), and a toggle for Heart Rate Predictor (Off).

FIG. 68

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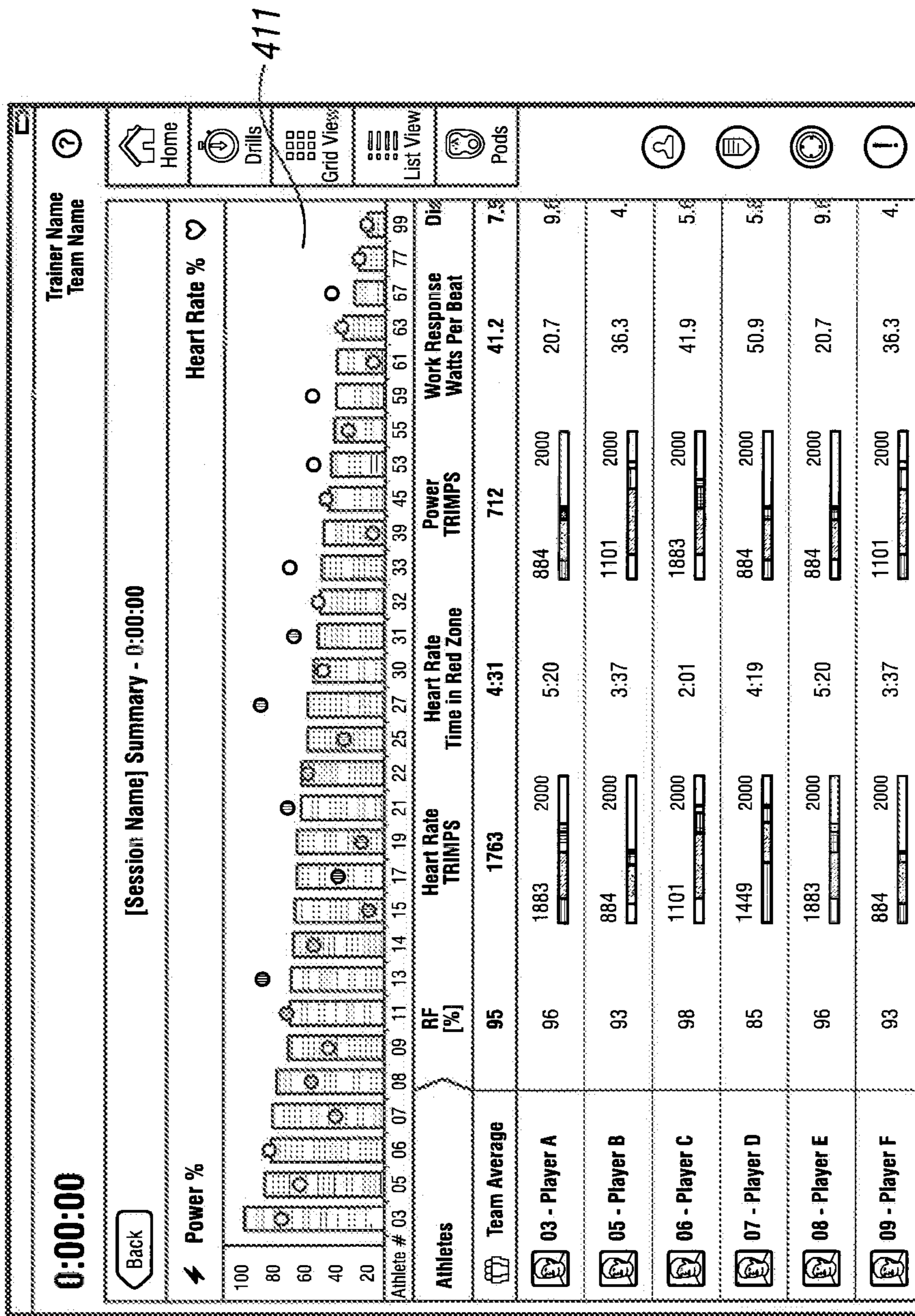


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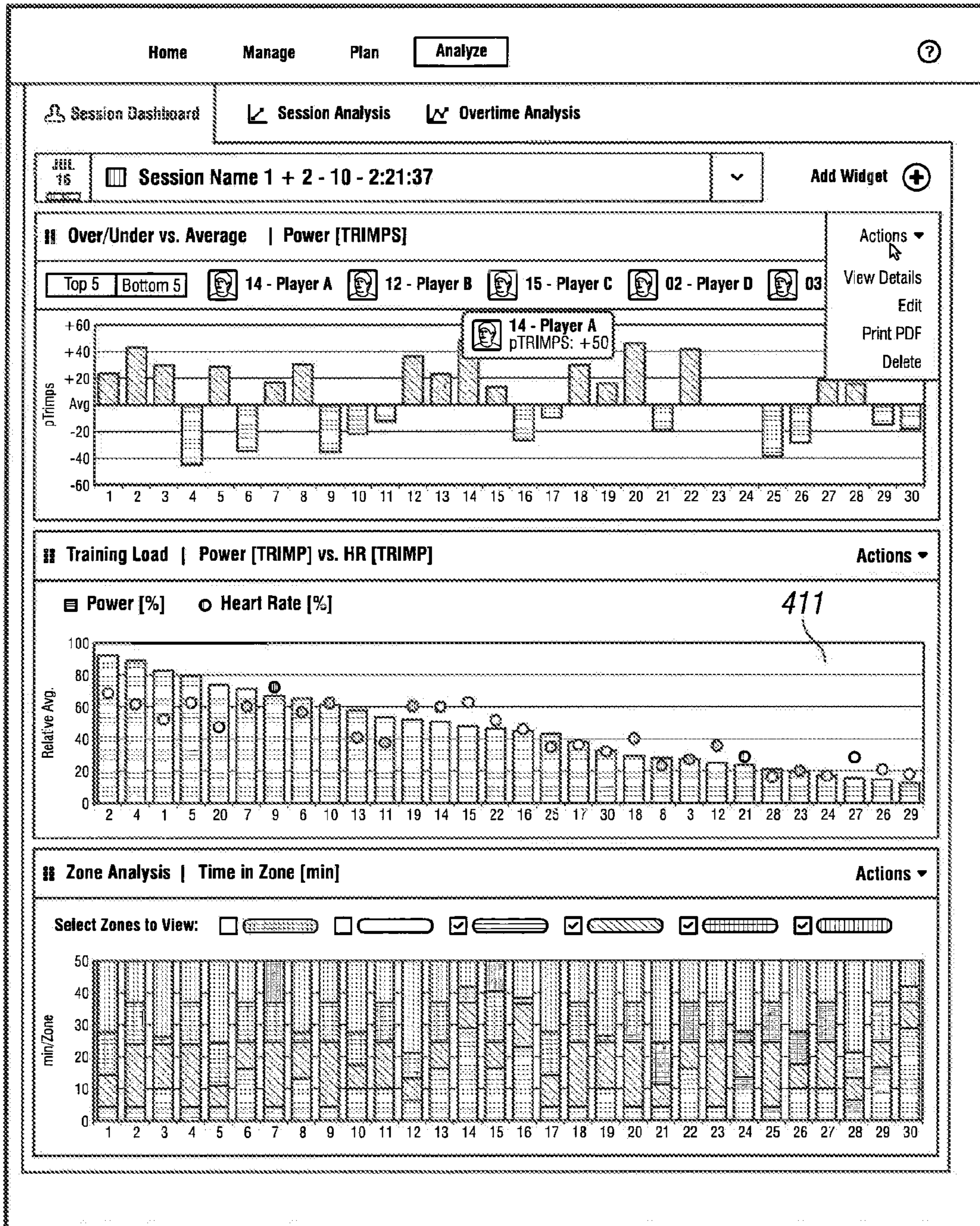


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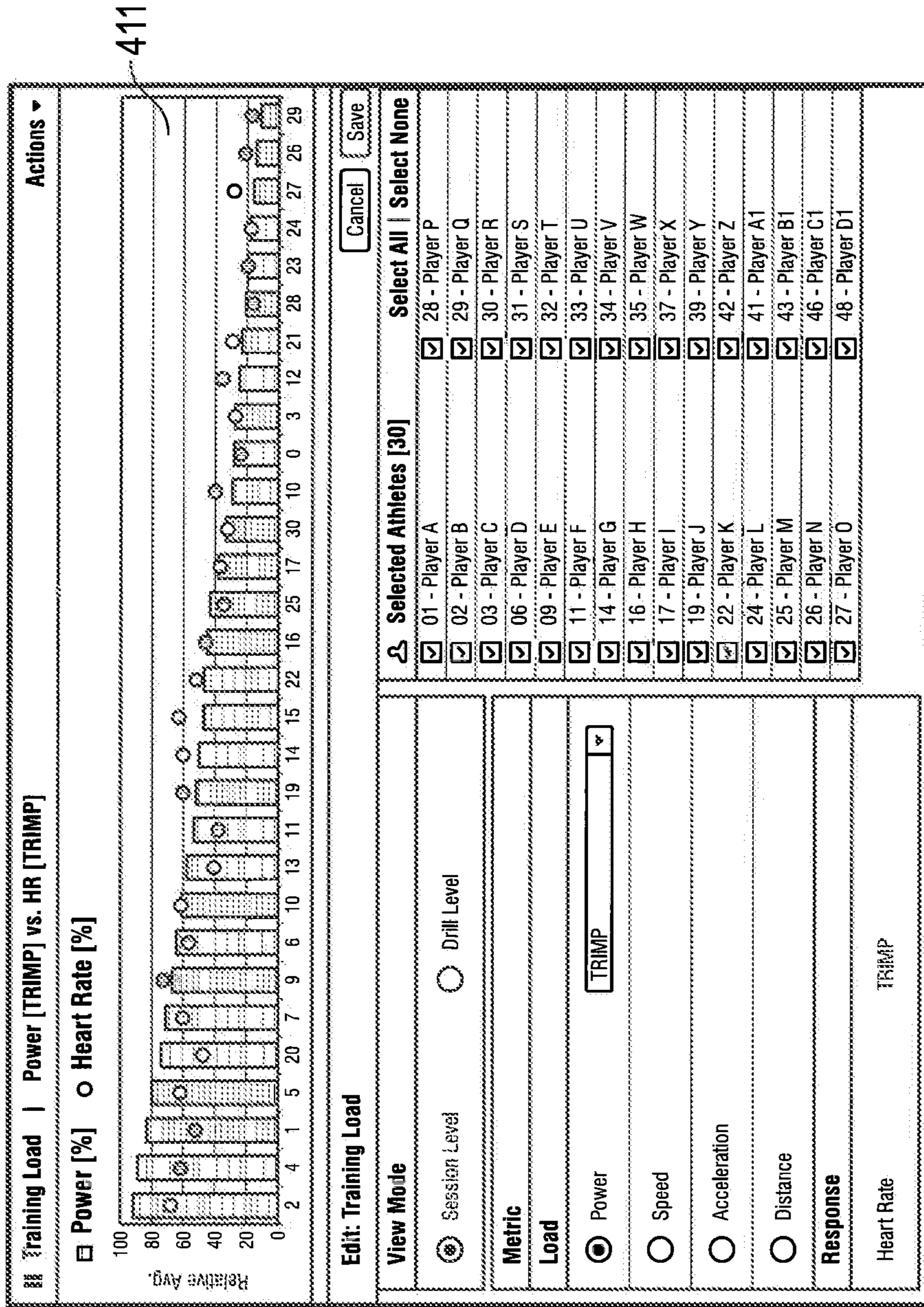


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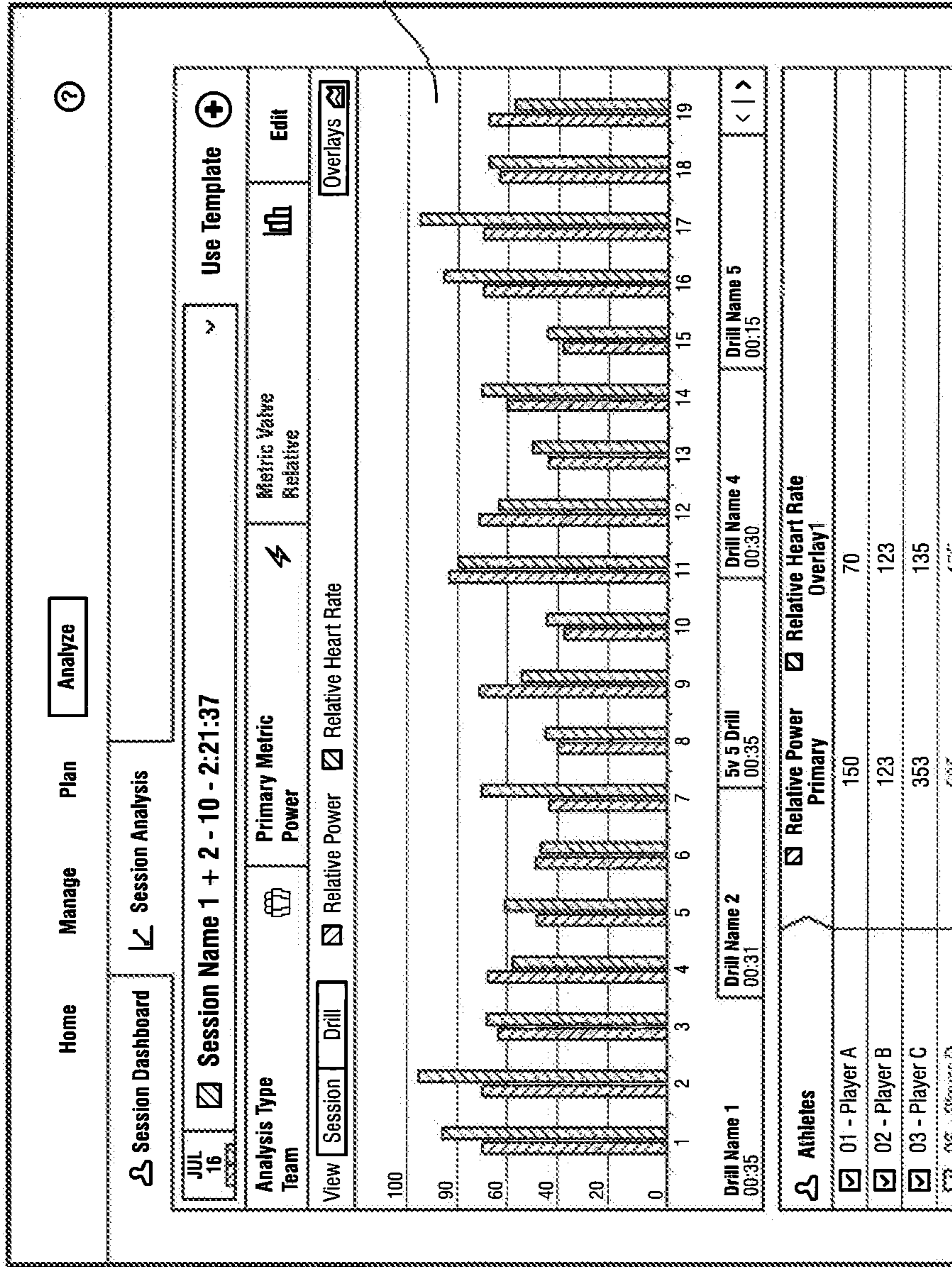


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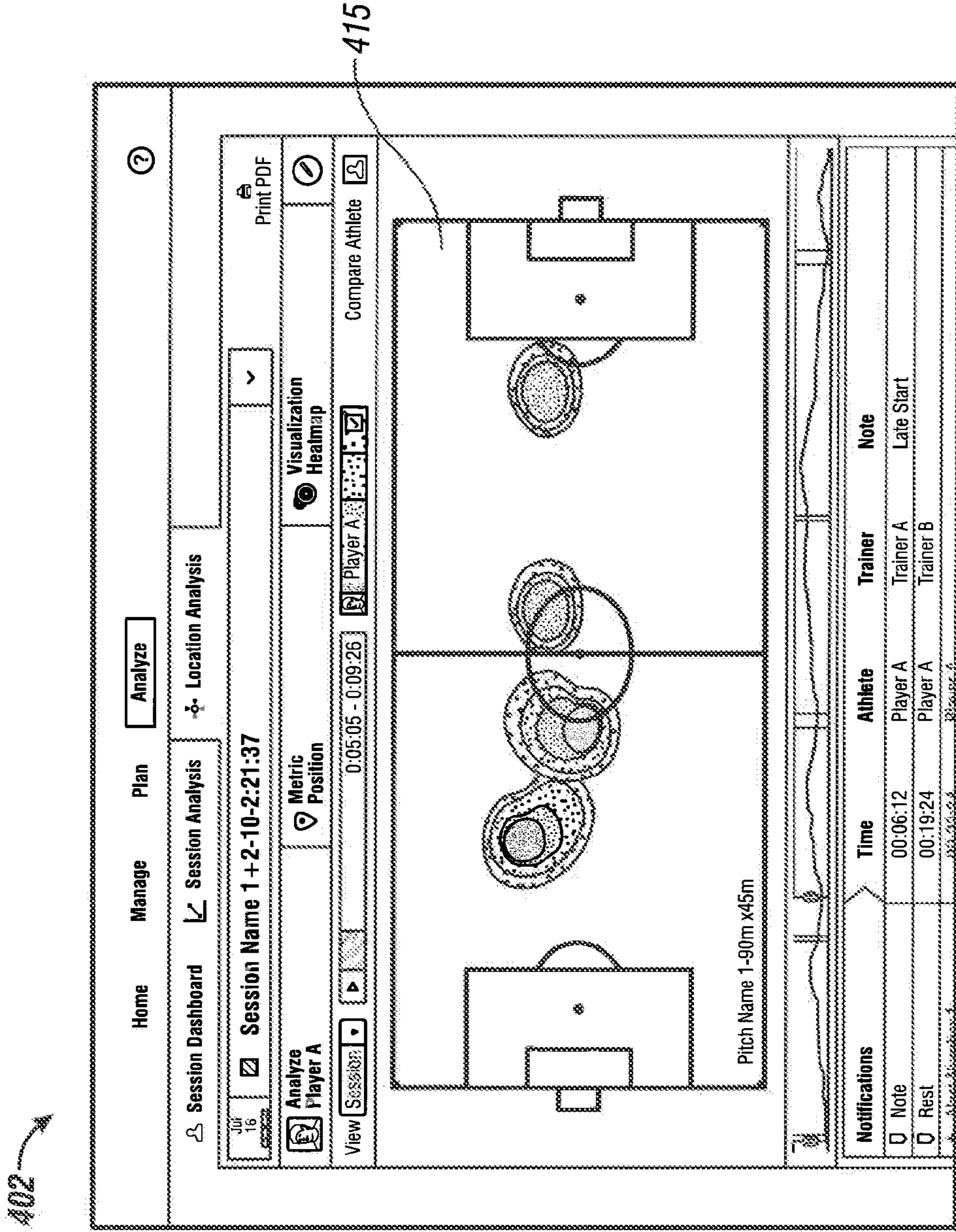


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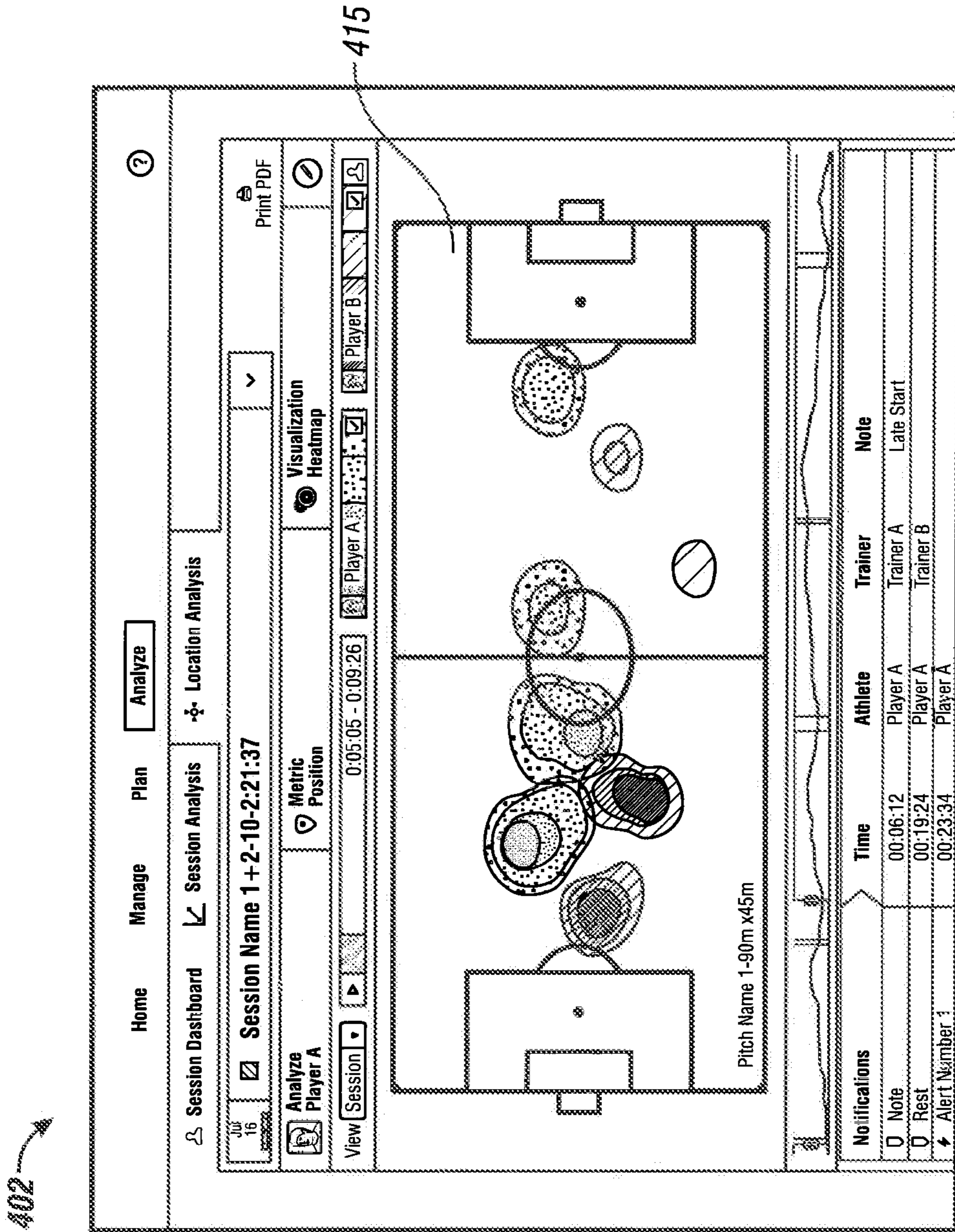


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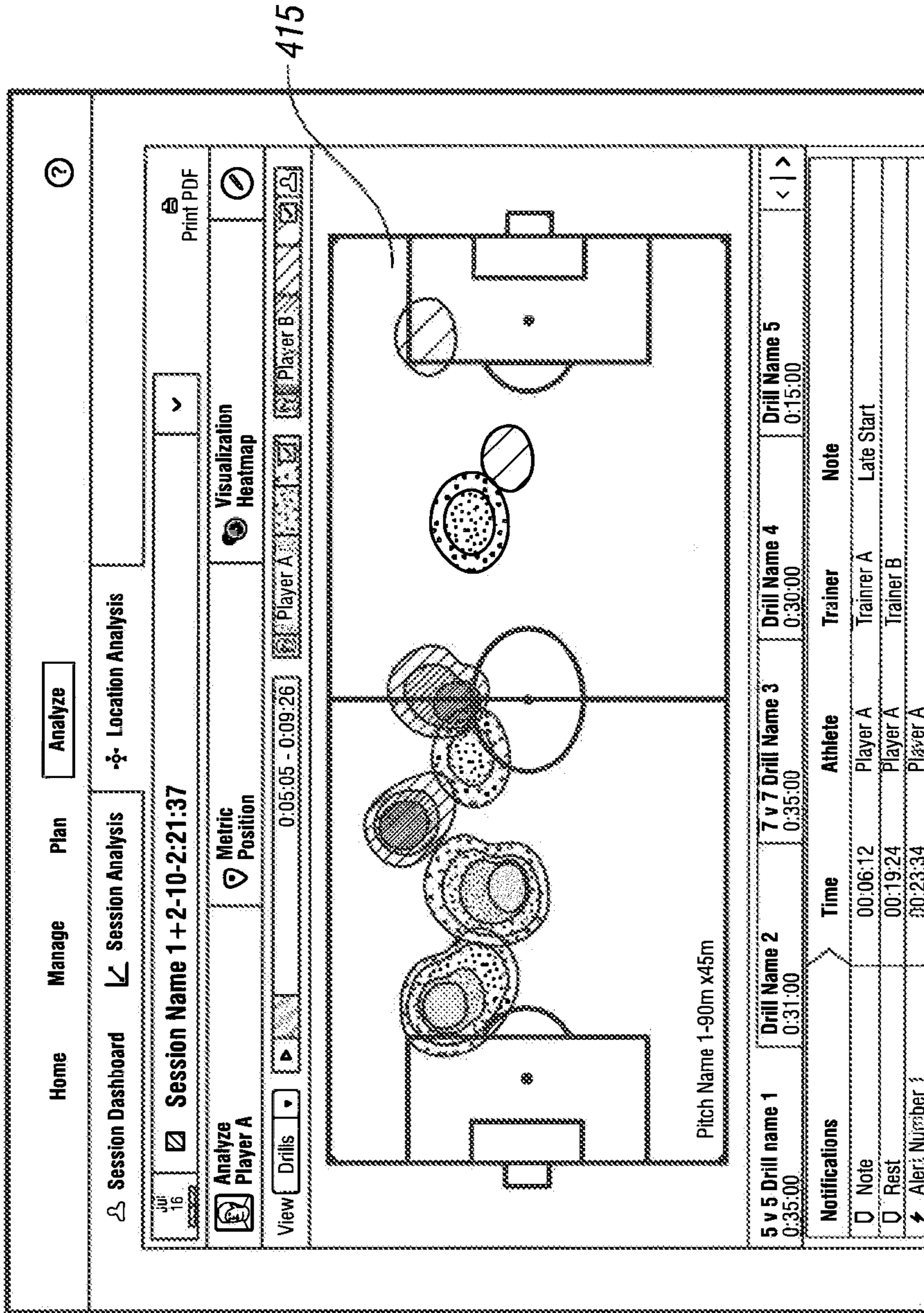


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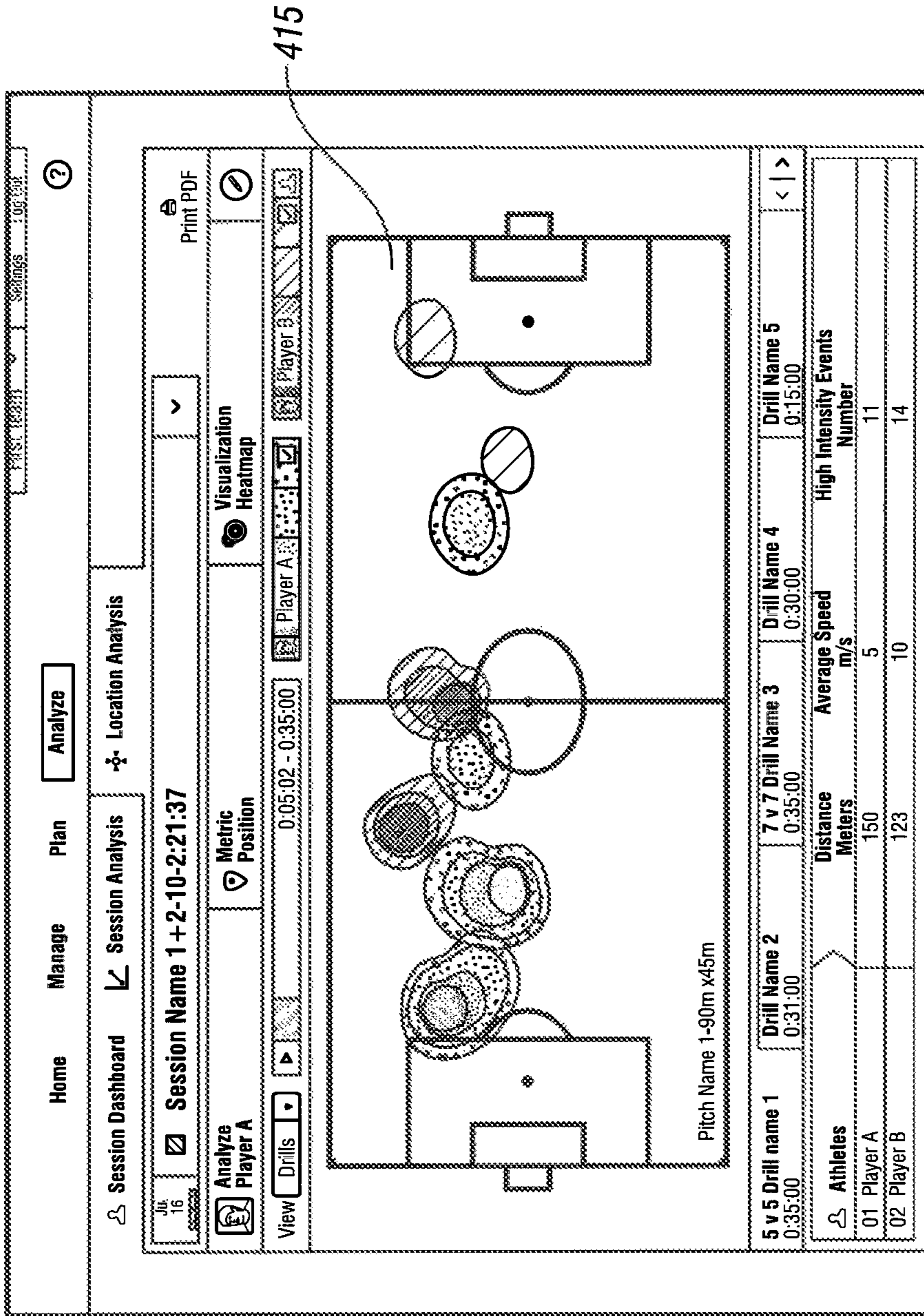


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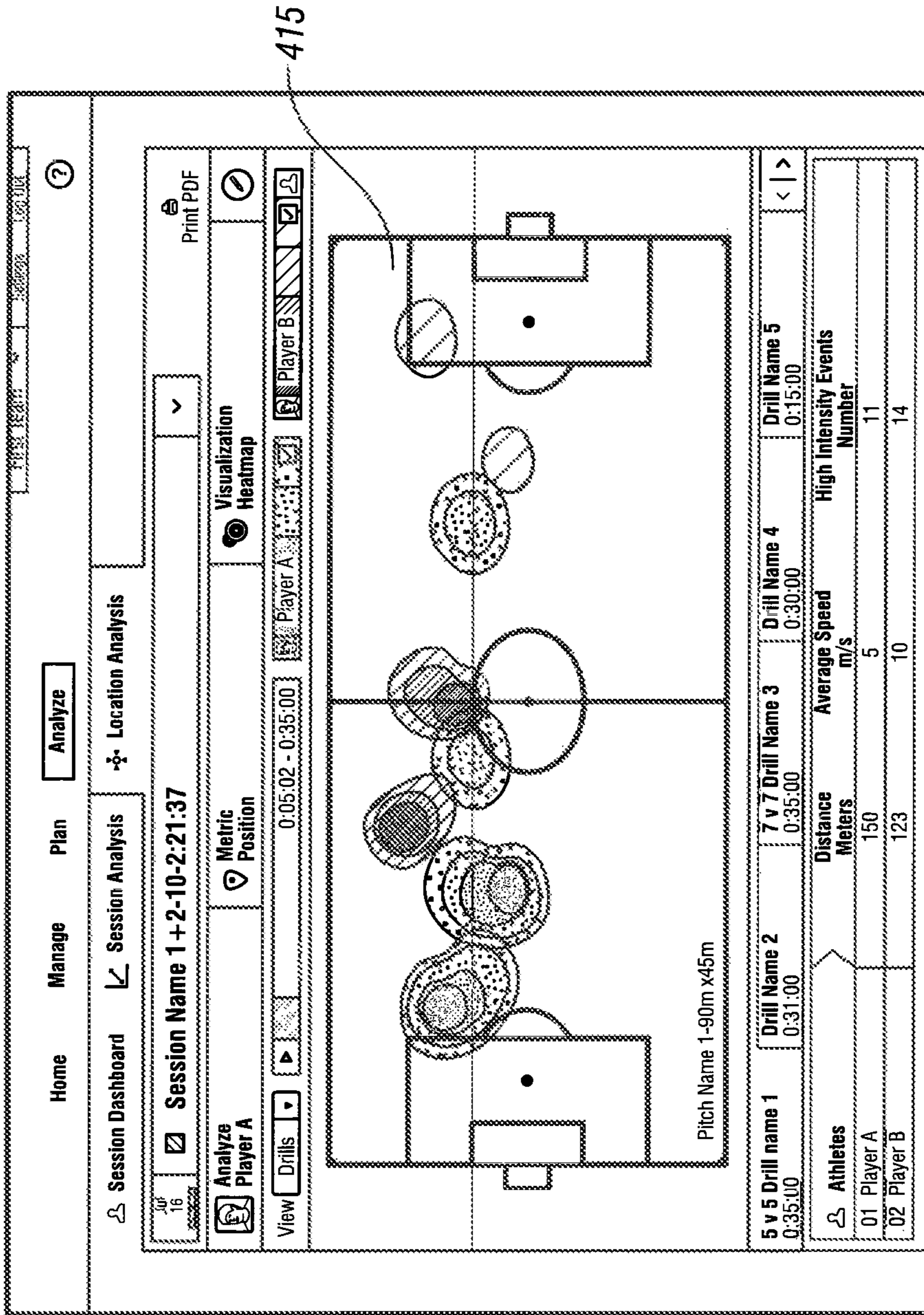


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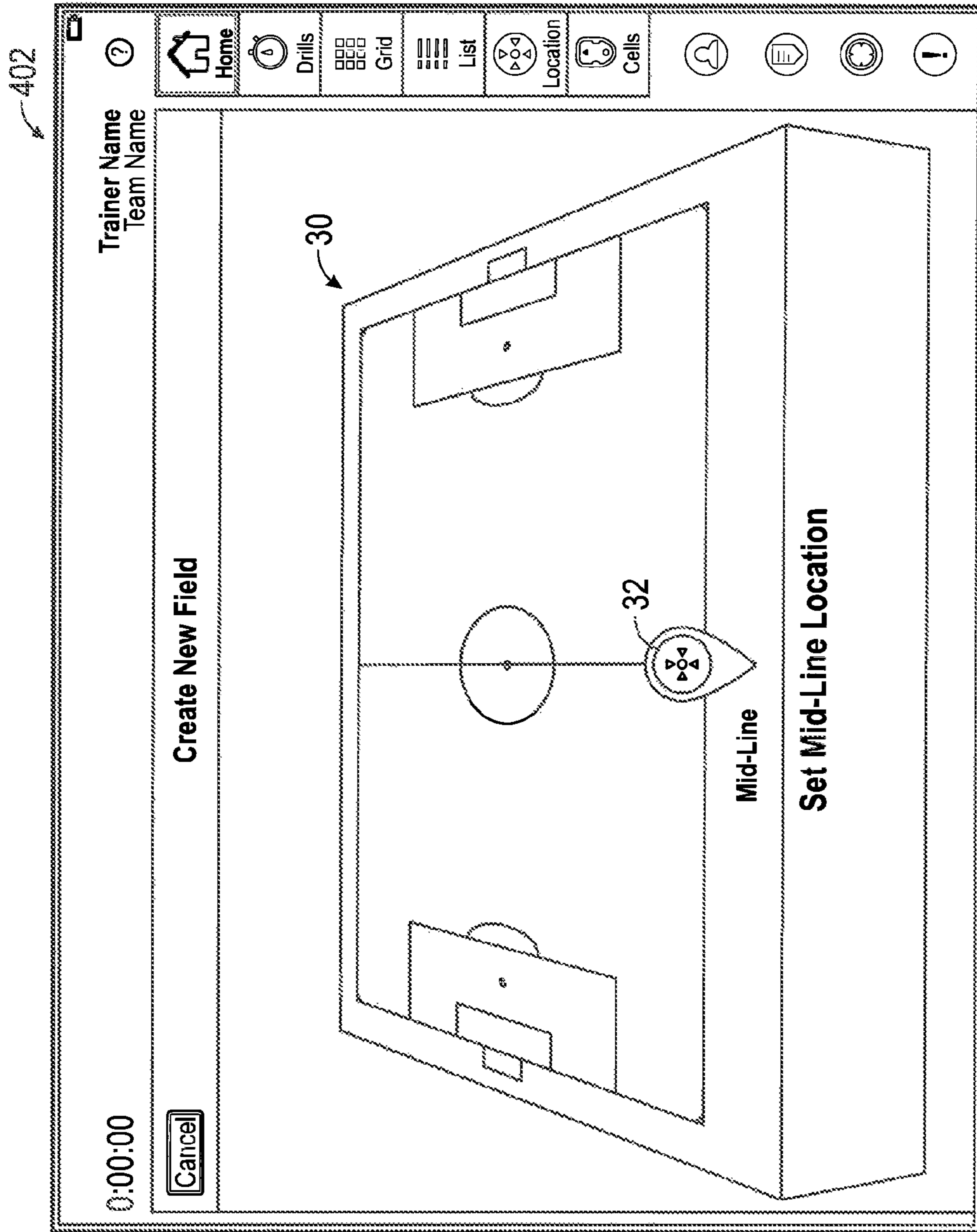


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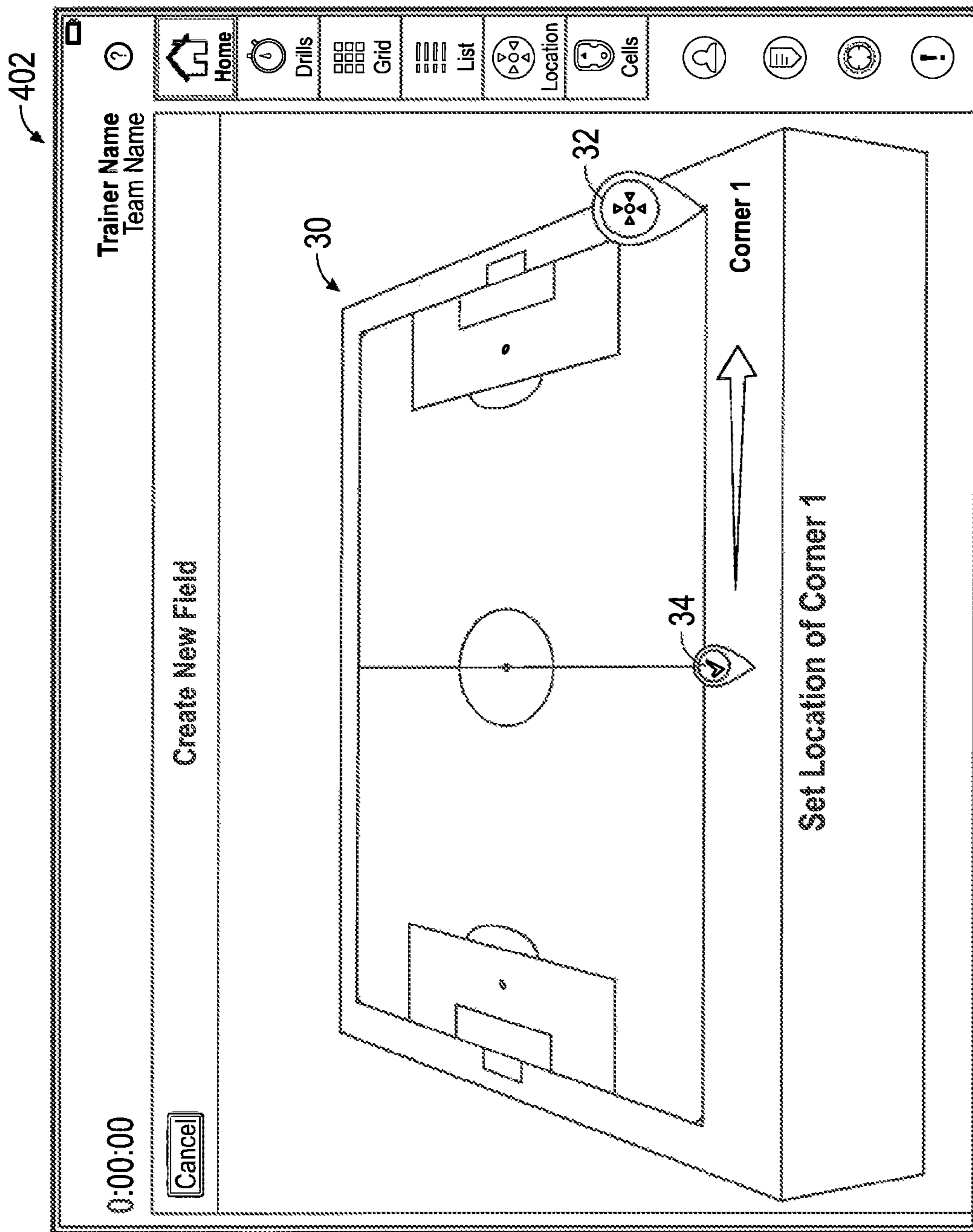


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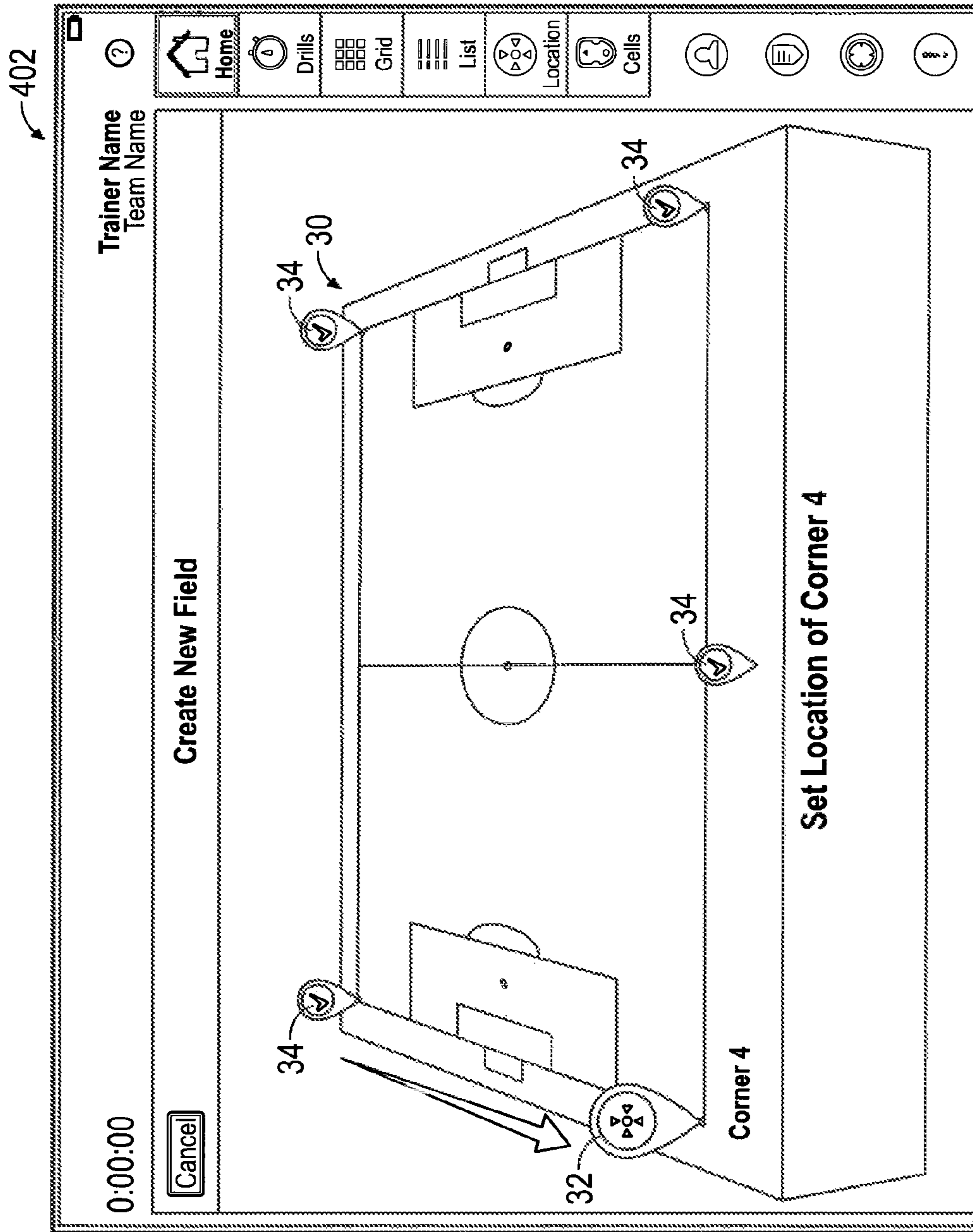


FIG. 80

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0:00:00

Trainer Name
Team Name

Field Name 1- 110 x 65

Save

Field Details

Name: Field Name 1

Dimensions: 110 Length 65 Width

Location: Amsterdam Arena

Playing Surface: Grass

Note: Enter a Note

Delete Field

Home Drills Grid List Location Cells

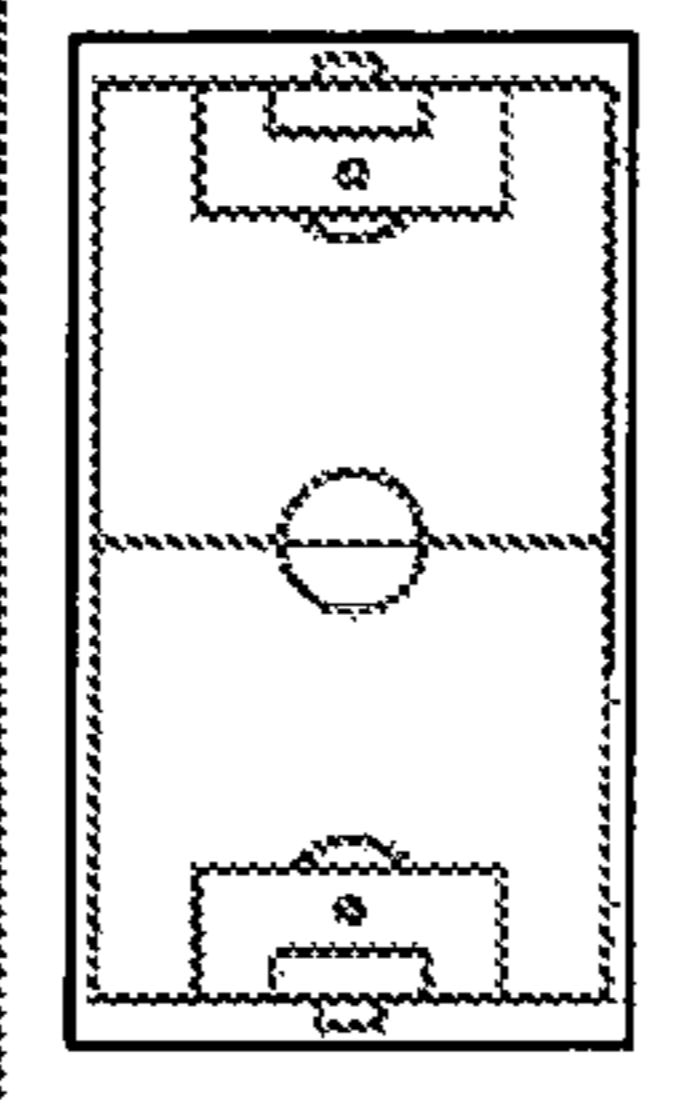


FIG. 81

GROUP PERFORMANCE MONITORING SYSTEM AND METHOD

CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

This application is a continuation-in-part of U.S. application Ser. No. 13/077,510, filed Mar. 31, 2011, which is incorporated herein in its entirety, by reference thereto.

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

1. Field of the Invention

The present invention generally relates to an activity monitoring system, and in particular, to an athletic activity monitoring system that facilitates live monitoring of a plurality of individuals.

2. Background Art

Exercise is important to maintaining a healthy lifestyle and individual well-being. A common way for individuals to exercise is to participate in athletic activities, such as, for example, sports and training programs. A session of athletic activity may include, for example, a training session or a competitive session such as, for example, a soccer match or basketball game. When participating in athletic activities in a competitive or collaborative environment, one's performance may be dependent on the performance of other individuals. For example, in a team sport context, the performance of various athletic movements and endeavors may be influenced by the athletic movements and endeavors of teammates or adversaries. Often, a trainer (e.g., a coach) is monitoring such athletic activity.

To effectively monitor the athletic activity, the trainer, or other individual, typically gathers information about the participants in the athletic activity by viewing the athletic activity from, for example, the sidelines of a sports field. Thus, the information used to make decisions that influence the athletic activity is typically limited by what is observed by the trainer from the sidelines. A trainer may have assistants to help with this observation, or multiple trainers may work together, however there remains difficulty in monitoring a plurality of individuals so as to effectively track and manage performance of individuals during an athletic activity.

BRIEF SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

Some embodiments provide a group monitoring device for monitoring a plurality of individuals engaged in an athletic activity, the device including a display configured to display, during an athletic activity: at least one metric relating to each of a plurality of individuals engaged in the athletic activity, and a status of a system component used to monitor the athletic activity. The group monitoring device may also include an input configured to allow manipulation of the display.

Some embodiments provide a method for monitoring a plurality of individuals engaged in an athletic activity, the method including displaying, during the athletic activity, a plurality of metrics relating to a plurality of individuals engaged in the athletic activity, and displaying, during the athletic activity, a status of a system component used to monitor the athletic activity.

Some embodiments provide a computer program product including computer-useable medium having computer program logic recorded thereon that, when executed by one or more processors, provides to a user performance information related to an athletic activity engaged in by a plurality of

individuals, the computer program logic including first computer-readable program code that enables a processor to display, during the athletic activity, a plurality of metrics relating to a plurality of individuals engaged in the athletic activity, and second computer-readable program code that enables a processor to display, during the athletic activity, a status of a system component used to monitor the athletic activity.

Some embodiments provide a group monitoring device for monitoring a plurality of individuals engaged in an athletic activity, the device including a display configured to display, during the athletic activity, a plurality of metrics relating to a plurality of individuals engaged in the athletic activity, each metric relating to one of the plurality of individuals, and an input configured to allow manipulation of the display, wherein at least one metric of the plurality of metrics is a relative metric, and wherein the relative metric provides an indication of a level of performance of its associated individual, relative to personal ability of the associated individual.

Some embodiments provide a method for monitoring a plurality of individuals engaged in an athletic activity, the method including displaying, during the athletic activity, a plurality of metrics relating to a plurality of individuals engaged in the athletic activity, each metric relating to one of the plurality of individuals, wherein at least one metric of the plurality of metrics is a relative metric, and wherein the relative metric provides an indication of a level of performance of its associated individual, relative to personal ability of the associated individual.

Some embodiments provide a computer program product including computer-useable medium having computer program logic recorded thereon that, when executed by one or more processors, provides to a user performance information related to an athletic activity engaged in by a plurality of individuals, the computer program logic including computer-readable program code that enables a processor to display, during the athletic activity, a plurality of metrics relating to a plurality of individuals engaged in the athletic activity, each metric relating to one of the plurality of individuals, wherein at least one metric of the plurality of metrics is a relative metric, and wherein the relative metric provides an indication of a level of performance of its associated individual, relative to personal ability of the associated individual.

Some embodiments provide a group monitoring device for monitoring a plurality of individuals engaged in an athletic activity, the device including a display configured to display, during an athletic activity, a representation depicting locations on a playing field of a plurality of individuals engaged in the athletic activity, and a location of a movable sports object, wherein the representation is based on location information generated by individual monitors coupled to individuals of the plurality of individuals, and location information generated by an object monitor coupled to the sports object.

Some embodiments provide a method for monitoring a plurality of individuals engaged in an athletic activity, the method including displaying, during the athletic activity, a representation depicting locations on a playing field of a plurality of individuals engaged in the athletic activity, and a location of a movable sports object, wherein the representation is based on location information generated by individual monitors coupled to individuals of the plurality of individuals, and location information generated by an object monitor coupled to the sports object.

Some embodiments provide a computer program product including computer-useable medium having computer program logic recorded thereon that, when executed by one or more processors, provides to a user performance information

related to an athletic activity engaged in by a plurality of individuals, the computer program logic including computer-readable program code that enables a processor to display, during the athletic activity, a representation depicting locations on a playing field of a plurality of individuals engaged in the athletic activity, and a location of a movable sports object, wherein the representation is based on location information generated by individual monitors coupled to individuals of the plurality of individuals, and location information generated by an object monitor coupled to the sports object.

Some embodiments provide a group monitoring system for monitoring a plurality of individuals engaged in an athletic activity, the system including a plurality of individual monitors, each individual monitor configured to monitor the performance of an individual engaged in the athletic activity, a first base station, configured to receive a first set of metrics from the plurality of individual monitors, wherein metrics of the first set of metrics are indicative of the performance of the individuals, and a second base station, configured to receive a second set of metrics from the plurality of individual monitors, wherein metrics of the second set of metrics are indicative of the performance of the individuals, wherein the first set of metrics is different from the second set of metrics.

Some embodiments provide a group monitoring system for monitoring a plurality of individuals engaged in an athletic activity, the system including a plurality of individual monitors, each individual monitor configured to monitor the performance an individual engaged in the athletic activity, and a base station, configured to receive metrics from the plurality of individual monitors, wherein the metrics are indicative of the performance of the individuals, and wherein the base station is configured to send the metrics to a web server system configured to provide the metrics to remote devices.

Some embodiments provide a method for monitoring a plurality of individuals engaged in an athletic activity, the method including monitoring the performance of a plurality of individuals engaged in the athletic activity, using a plurality of individual monitors, receiving metrics from the plurality of individual monitors, at a base station, and sending the metrics, from the base station, to a web server system configured to provide the metrics to remote devices, wherein the metrics are indicative of the performance of the individuals.

Some embodiments provide a computer program product including computer-useable medium having computer program logic recorded thereon that, when executed by one or more processors, provides to a user performance information related to an athletic activity engaged in by a plurality of individuals, the computer program logic including first computer-readable program code that enables a processor to monitor the performance of a plurality of individuals engaged in the athletic activity, using information received from a plurality of individual monitors, second computer-readable program code that enables a processor to receive metrics from the plurality of individual monitors, at a base station, and second computer-readable program code that enables a processor to send the metrics to a web server system configured to provide the metrics to remote devices, wherein the metrics are indicative of the performance of the individuals.

Some embodiments provide a method for defining a playing field, the method including displaying, using an administrative device, an instruction to locate a position sensor at a first location, receiving first position data from the position sensor, defining the first position data as the position of the first location, displaying, using the administrative device, an instruction to locate the position sensor at a second location, receiving second position data from the position sensor, and defining the second position data as the position of the second

location, wherein the position of the first location and the position of the second location together define the playing field.

Some embodiments provide a method for automatically adjusting a training plan based on performance data, the method including receiving, using a group monitoring system, data relating to an athletic performance of an individual, analyzing the data to identify an area for improvement in the athletic performance, determine a training recommendation based on the identified area for improvement, identify an established training plan, compare the established training plan to the training recommendation, in response to a determination that the training plan does not include training of the training recommendation, adjusting the training plan to include the training of the training recommendation.

Some embodiments provide a system for monitoring an activity, the system including a base station, an object monitor configured to communicate wirelessly with the base station, a plurality of object sensors, each object sensor in communication with the object monitor and configured to sense a characteristic of a mobile sports object being used in the activity and to transmit, during the activity, data indicative of the characteristic of the object to the object monitor, and a group monitoring device configured to communicate wirelessly with the base station, wherein the object monitor is configured to transmit, during the activity, the data indicative of the characteristic of the object to the base station, wherein the base station is configured to receive the data and to transmit, during the activity, a metric based on the data to the group monitoring device, and wherein the group monitoring device is configured to display a representation of the metric.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS/FIGURES

The accompanying drawings, which are incorporated herein and form a part of the specification, illustrate the present invention and, together with the description, further serve to explain the principles of the invention and to enable a person skilled in the pertinent art to make and use the invention. In the drawings, like reference numbers, letters, or renderings indicate identical or functionally similar elements.

FIG. 1 depicts a monitoring system according to an exemplary embodiment of the present invention.

FIG. 2A depicts an individual monitor and associated components according to an exemplary embodiment of the present invention.

FIG. 2B depicts an object monitor according to an exemplary embodiment of the present invention.

FIG. 3 depicts an exemplary group monitoring device according to an exemplary embodiment of the present invention.

FIG. 4 depicts a diagram of an individual monitor according to an exemplary embodiment of the present invention.

FIG. 5 depicts an individual monitor according to an exemplary embodiment of the present invention.

FIG. 6 depicts an individual monitor according to an exemplary embodiment of the present invention.

FIG. 7 depicts an individual monitor according to an exemplary embodiment of the present invention.

FIG. 8 depicts a diagram of a monitoring system according to an exemplary embodiment of the present invention.

FIG. 9 depicts a group monitoring device according to an exemplary embodiment of the present invention.

FIG. 10 depicts an analysis device according to an exemplary embodiment of the present invention.

FIG. 46 depicts a display of a group monitoring device according to an exemplary embodiment of the present invention.

FIG. 47 depicts a display of a group monitoring device according to an exemplary embodiment of the present invention.

FIG. 48 depicts a display of a group monitoring device according to an exemplary embodiment of the present invention.

FIG. 49 depicts a display of a group monitoring device according to an exemplary embodiment of the present invention.

FIG. 50 depicts a display of a group monitoring device according to an exemplary embodiment of the present invention.

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FIG. 54 depicts a display of a group monitoring device according to an exemplary embodiment of the present invention.

FIG. 55 depicts a display of an analysis device according to an exemplary embodiment of the present invention.

FIG. 56 depicts a display of an analysis device according to an exemplary embodiment of the present invention.

FIG. 57 depicts a display of a group monitoring device according to an exemplary embodiment of the present invention.

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FIG. 80 depicts a display of a group monitoring device according to an exemplary embodiment of the present invention.

FIG. 81 depicts a display of a group monitoring device according to an exemplary embodiment of the present invention.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION

The present invention will now be described in detail with reference to embodiments thereof as illustrated in the accompanying drawings. References to “one embodiment”, “an embodiment”, “an exemplary embodiment”, etc., indicate that the embodiment described may include a particular feature, structure, or characteristic, but every embodiment may not necessarily include the particular feature, structure, or characteristic. Moreover, such phrases are not necessarily referring to the same embodiment. Further, when a particular feature, structure, or characteristic is described in connection with an embodiment, it is submitted that it is within the knowledge of one skilled in the art to affect such feature, structure, or characteristic in connection with other embodiments whether or not explicitly described.

The term “invention” or “present invention” as used herein is a non-limiting term and is not intended to refer to any single embodiment of the particular invention but encompasses all possible embodiments as described in the application.

Various aspects of the present invention, or any parts or functions thereof, may be implemented using hardware, software, firmware, tangible computer readable or computer usable storage media having instructions stored thereon, or a combination thereof, and may be implemented in one or more computer systems or other processing systems.

Individuals participating in an athletic activity and trainers (e.g., a coach, physician, or other authorized individual) may work together during a session of athletic activity for a variety of reasons. For example, it may be desired that the trainer monitors the performance of the individuals and makes recommendations or otherwise influences their performance in order to maximize the individuals' fitness level. Alternatively or additionally, it may be desired that the trainer monitors and influences the individuals to help maximize the effectiveness of the individuals in the athletic activity. Further, it may be desired that the trainer monitors and influences the individuals to help maximize the probability of success in the athletic activity (where success may be, for example, defeating an opposing team in a game, such as, for example, soccer, or achieving/maintaining a desired level of fitness for one or more individuals participating in the athletic activity). A session of athletic activity may include, for example, a training session (e.g., a field session, a gym session, a track session) or a competitive session (e.g., a soccer match or a basketball game)

In some exemplary embodiments, the trainer may monitor and influence the individuals in order to track and maintain the individuals' health and safety. In such an embodiment, it may be beneficial for the trainer to be provided with information relating to health and safety, for example, injuries, illnesses, and dangerous conditions.

The trainer must consider these and other goals, monitor the individuals, and make decisions to influence the performance of the individuals both individually and as a group. In doing so, the trainer depends on information about the individuals and their performance while participating in a session of athletic activity. The trainer may benefit from receipt of information in addition to that which is directly observable by the trainer. A group monitoring system according to an exemplary embodiment of the present invention can provide the trainer with easy-to-understand information about individuals participating in the athletic activity, beyond that which can be directly observed, thereby facilitating quick and effective decision-making by the trainer to maximize the probability of achieving success in the athletic activity. Detailed player profiles with performance metrics over time can be generated and maintained. By using information provided by the group monitoring system, trainers can view trends over time, which can help identify, for example, unfit athletes, athletes who are over-training, and athletes having relatively high risk for injury. Special training programs can be planned to address these conditions enabling peak performance (e.g., at game time).

Conventionally, a trainer would plan a session of athletic activity hoping to deliver a certain workload (e.g., represented by target values for one or more metrics) to a team or to particular individuals or subsets thereof, but would not have a reliable way to measure if the intended workload was actually delivered. With a group monitoring system according to embodiments of the present invention, a trainer now can determine whether the intended workload was actually delivered (e.g., by direct measurement of one or more metrics indicating or providing the basis for a determination of total workload). This enables the trainer to more precisely plan and adapt sessions of athletic activity by basing such planning and adapting on measured values representing individual or team performance. Such a group monitoring system may provide feedback that the trainer can act on to revise training as needed. In an exemplary embodiment, the group monitoring system can provide alerts to the trainer to flag critical or important conditions that the trainer would not otherwise be

able to observe directly, such as, for example, fatigue of an individual or heart rate of an individual being above a threshold value.

In an exemplary embodiment, group monitoring system **100**, depicted in, for example, FIGS. **1** and **11**, includes individual monitors **200** (see FIG. **2A**), an object monitor **250**, a base station **300**, and at least one group monitoring device **400** (see FIG. **3**). Individual monitor **200** may be coupled to an individual **10**, as shown in FIG. **2A**. Object monitor **250** may be coupled to a sports object **40**, as shown in FIG. **2B**. Individual **10** may be, for example, a participant in an athletic activity (e.g., a player; a referee; or a support person such as a ball boy, golf caddy, or line man). Sports object **40** may be, for example a sports object, for example, any type of sport ball, any type of sport "stick" (e.g., a baseball bat, hockey stick, golf club, table tennis paddle, or tennis racquet), a sport glove (e.g., a boxing glove), a bicycle, an oar, a shoe, a boot, a ski, a hat, a helmet, a band, a skateboard, a surfboard, or a pair of glasses or goggles) used by an individual (e.g., individual **10**) during an athletic activity. Individual monitor **200** and/or object monitor **250** may include or be in communication with a variety of sensors **202**, including, but not limited to, an accelerometer, a pedometer, a heart rate monitor, a position sensor, an impact sensor, a camera, a magnetometer, a gyroscope, a microphone, a temperature sensor, a pressure sensor, a respiration sensor, a posture sensor, a lactate sensor, and a wind sensor. Group monitoring system **100** can include any or all of these or other sensors, eliminating the need for separate systems to monitor different characteristics. Further, by integrating and processing data streams from multiple different sensors, group monitoring system **100** can determine and provide metrics based on data representing different monitored characteristics. This eliminates the need to manually combine data streams to determine metrics based on multiple data streams (e.g., to determine high level training insights).

In an exemplary embodiment, individual monitor **200** may include a sensor garment **204**, a heart rate monitor **206**, and a position sensor **208**. In an exemplary embodiment, object monitor **250** may include a position sensor **208**, an acceleration sensor **210** and a magnetometer **232**. Position sensor **208** may include, for example, a position sensor for use with a satellite-based positioning system (e.g., GPS (global positioning system)), a position sensor for use with a beacon system (e.g., position determination using triangulation and/or time differences of signals received by antennas at known positions about a field or activity area), or a position sensor for use with any other suitable position-determining system.

In some exemplary embodiments, group monitoring device **400** may be used by a trainer **20**, as shown in FIG. **3**. In an exemplary embodiment, group monitoring system **100** and/or components thereof (e.g., individual monitor **200**, object monitor **250**) may include or be used with elements of another monitoring system, such as, for example, those disclosed in U.S. patent application Ser. No. 12/467,944, filed May 18, 2009; U.S. patent application Ser. No. 12/467,948, filed May 18, 2009; U.S. patent application Ser. No. 13/077,494, filed Mar. 31, 2011; U.S. patent application Ser. No. 13/077,520, filed Mar. 31, 2011; U.S. patent application Ser. No. 13/077,510, filed Mar. 31, 2011; U.S. patent application Ser. No. 13/446,937, filed Apr. 13, 2012; U.S. patent application Ser. No. 13/446,982, filed Apr. 13, 2012; and U.S. patent application Ser. No. 13/446,986, filed Apr. 13, 2012, each of which is incorporated herein in its entirety by reference thereto.

Generally, sensors **202** are mounted to individuals **10** in preparation for participation by individuals **10** in a session of

athletic activity. Sensors **202** mounted to a particular individual **10** are coupled, either via wires or wirelessly, to individual monitor **200**, also mounted on the particular individual **10**. Sensors **202** in communication with an individual **10**'s individual monitor **200** may sense characteristics about individual **10** during participation by individual **10** in the session of athletic activity, and may transmit data indicative of the characteristics to individual monitor **200**. Individual monitor **200** in turn may transmit the data to base station **300** during or after the session of athletic activity.

Sensors **202** in communication with an object **40**'s object monitor **250** may sense characteristics about object **40**, for example while object **40** is used (e.g., by individual **10**) during the session of athletic activity, and may transmit data indicative of the characteristics to object monitor **250**. Object monitor **250** in turn may transmit the data to base station **300** during or after the session of athletic activity.

In some embodiments, a first individual monitor **200** may transmit data indicative of characteristics about its monitored individual **10** to a second monitor (e.g., an individual monitor **200** monitoring a different individual **10**, or an object monitor **250** monitoring a sports object **40**). In some embodiments, a first object monitor **250** may transmit data indicative of characteristics about its monitored object **40** to a second monitor (e.g., an individual monitor **200** monitoring an individual **10**, or a second object monitor **250** monitoring a different sports object **40**). Such communication among monitors **200**, **250** may be wireless according to any suitable protocol. For example, such communication may be based on RFID (radio frequency identification) signals, magnetic signals, WLAN (wireless local area network) signals, ISM (industrial, scientific, and medical) band signals, Bluetooth® (or Bluetooth® Low Energy (BTLE)) signals, or cellular signals.

Such communication among monitors **200**, **250** may facilitate determinations and calculations based on data from more than one source. For example, if two monitored individuals **10** kick a sports object **40** (e.g., a ball), object monitor **250** of sports object **40** can receive data from each of the individual monitors **200** of the individuals **10**. Such data can be compared with data from the object monitor **250** of sports object **40** and can be used to determine (e.g., at sports object **40**, base station **300**, or an accessing device) which of the two individuals kicked sports object **40** first. Also for example, if a monitored individual **10** kicks a sports object **40** (e.g., a ball), individual monitor **200** of individual **10** can receive data from object monitor **250** of sports object **40** indicating the force with or speed at which the sports object **40** was kicked, or the resulting speed, direction of motion, or predicted landing location of the sports object **40** due to the kick. Such data may be sensed by a pressure sensor of the sports object **40**, and transmitted wirelessly to the individual monitor **200** of the monitored individual **10**. Such data can be compared with data from the individual monitor **200** and can be used to determine characteristics of the kick of individual **10**. In some embodiments, based on such data, group monitoring system **100** may provide a recommendation as to how individual **10** may improve his or her kick (e.g., to achieve greater distance, speed, height).

In some exemplary embodiments, some or all of transmissions of data among system components of group monitoring system **100** may occur in real time. "Real time" as used herein may include delays inherent to transmission technology, delays designed to optimize resources, and other inherent or desirable delays that would be apparent to one of skill in the art. In some exemplary embodiments, some or all of these transmissions may be delayed from real time, or may occur after completion of the activity. Base station **300** receives the

data and determines metrics from the data, where the metrics may be representations of the characteristics measured by sensors **202**, or may be representations of further characteristics derived from the data through the use of algorithms and other data manipulation techniques. Metrics may be based on data from individual monitors **200** only, from object monitors **250** only, or from both individual monitors **200** and object monitors **250**. Base station **300** in turn transmits the metrics during the session of athletic activity to group monitoring device **400**, which receives the metrics and displays a representation of the metrics.

Group monitoring device **400** may receive metrics associated with a plurality of individuals **10** and/or one or more objects **40**, and may display the received metrics in association with the individual **10** and/or object **40** with which they are associated. In this way, trainer **20** viewing group monitoring device **400** during the session of athletic activity receives detailed information about multiple individuals **10** and/or object(s) **40**, and can act on that information as it is determined necessary or expedient, thereby efficiently monitoring and managing individuals **10** during the session of athletic activity.

Display of the metrics can represent real-time summaries of individuals **10** or groups thereof, and can facilitate comparison of one or more individuals **10** or groups thereof with one or more other individuals **10** or groups thereof, or comparison of one or more individuals **10** or groups thereof from a first time with one or more individuals **10** or groups thereof from a second time.

In some exemplary embodiments, individual monitors **200** and/or object monitors **250** calculate metrics based on the data (e.g., data generated by sensors **202**), and transfer these metrics to base station **300** along with or instead of the data. In some exemplary embodiments, base station **300** transmits the data to group monitoring device **400**, along with or instead of the metrics. In some exemplary embodiments, group monitoring device **400** calculates metrics based on the data.

In an exemplary embodiment, as shown in FIG. 4, individual monitor **200** and/or object monitor **250** may include a battery **212**, a data port **214**, a position module **216**, a heart rate monitor module **218**, a controller **220**, a user interface **222**, a transceiver **223**, an antenna **224**, an acceleration sensor module **226**, a memory **228**, a gyroscope module **230**, a magnetometer module **232**, and a temperature sensor module **233**. The sensors and corresponding modules discussed herein are exemplary only; other sensors and modules can be used in conjunction with embodiments of the present invention. Battery **212** (or any other suitable power source) can provide power to individual monitor **200** and/or object monitor **250** and may be, for example, built into or removable from individual monitor **200** and/or object monitor **250**, and may be rechargeable or non-rechargeable. Data port **214** can facilitate information transfer to and from individual monitor **200** and/or object monitor **250** and may be, for example, a universal serial bus (USB) port. In some exemplary embodiments, data port **214** can additionally or alternatively facilitate power transfer to battery **212**, in order to charge battery **212**. As will be appreciated, transceiver **223** may include data transmitting and receiving capability and may include a single component or separate components.

Elements of individual monitor **200** (or object monitor **250**) may interconnect with one another using a variety of techniques, such as, for example, wires, printed circuit boards, conductive yarn, conductive fabric, printed conductive layers on fabric, a printed (wire) harness, wireless communications technology, serial ports, serial peripheral interfaces, other connection techniques, or a combination thereof.

Each monitor **200, 250** is portable with respect to base station **300**. In some embodiments, each individual monitor **200** can be carried by an individual **10** participating in an athletic activity. Each monitor **200, 250** may itself include sensors **202**, and/or may be in communication with sensors **202** carried by individual **10** and/or sports object **40** and located remotely from monitor **200, 250**. Each monitor **200, 250** can be paired with base station **300** and associated with an individual **10** and/or sports object **40**. Each monitor **200, 250** may include a unique identifier. The unique identifier may be represented by, for example, a number imprinted on a viewable surface of individual monitor **200** and/or object monitor **250** (or an article associated therewith, such as, for example, a garment or sports object), or data communicated or displayed when a button associated with individual monitor **200** and/or object monitor **250** is pressed or when a request signal is received from base station **300**.

To be paired with base station **300**, individual monitor **200** and/or object monitor **250** can be received by or otherwise communicatively connected to base station **300** (e.g., via a docking port **318** of base station **300**—see, e.g., FIG. **23**). Base station **300** can then record the unique identifier of the individual monitor **200** and/or object monitor **250**, and can assign a unique encryption key to the individual monitor **200** and/or object monitor **250**. This encryption key can be used to support secure transmission of data during the session of athletic activity. Such secure transmission of data may be, for example, from individual monitors **200** and/or object monitors **250** to base station **300**, from base station **300** to individual monitors **200** and/or object monitors **250**, and from one individual monitor **200** and/or object monitor **250** to one or more other individual monitors **200** and/or object monitors **250**. The encryption key can be renewed when required or desired (e.g., at the beginning of each new session of athletic activity).

In some exemplary embodiments, assigning of individual monitors **200** and/or object monitor **250** to individuals **10** and/or sports objects **40** can be facilitated by use of group monitoring device **400**, as depicted in, for example, FIG. **53**. For example, display **402** of group monitoring device **400** may display a representation of a team or other group of individuals **10**, and/or one or more sports objects **40**, along with monitor identifying information **242** (indicative of the unique identifier of an individual monitor **200** and/or object monitor **250**) of individual monitors **200** and/or object monitor **250** associated with individuals **10** and/or sports object(s) **40**. A user of group monitoring device **400** may change this association by selecting the identifying information **242** of a particular individual monitor **200** and/or object monitor **250** associated with an individual **10** and/or sports object **40**, and inputting identifying information **242** of a different individual monitor **200** and/or object monitor **250** to be associated with the individual **10** and/or sports object **40**. Display **402** may also display an indication of the connectivity or signal strength between monitors **200, 250** and base station **300** (see, e.g., FIG. **61**).

Via an administrative interface of base station **300**, (which may be, e.g., an input and display located on base station **300**, or which may be incorporated into a remote device such as, e.g., group monitoring device **400** or analysis device **600**) identification information of individual **10** (e.g., individual **10**'s name and/or jersey number) and/or sports object **40** (e.g., sports object **40**'s type and/or size) can be associated with the unique identifier of the individual monitor **200** and/or object monitor **250** to be carried by individual **10** and/or sports object **40**. Once properly paired with base station **300** and associated with individual **10**, individual monitor **200** can be

disconnected from base station **300** (e.g., by being removed from docking port **318**). If not mounted to individual **10** and/or sports object **40**, individual monitor **200** and/or object monitor **250** may be mounted on individual **10** and/or sports object **40**, and any external sensors **202** can be appropriately mounted on individual **10** and/or sports object **40** and connected to individual monitor **200** and/or object monitor **250**.

In an exemplary embodiment, such as that depicted in FIG. **47**, individual monitor **200** is a pod-like device and includes a position module **216** for determining data indicative of the location of individual monitor **200** (and thus the location of individual **10** carrying individual monitor **200**), a heart rate monitor module **218** for determining data indicative of the heart rate of individual **10**, a three-axis acceleration sensor module **226** for determining data indicative of the acceleration of individual **10**, a gyroscope module **230** for determining data indicative of the orientation of individual **10** with respect to, for example, a playing field and/or base station **300**, and a magnetometer module **232** for calibrating body motion data determined by gyroscope module **230** and acceleration sensor module **226**. Such a pod-like device can be carried by individual **10**, for example, in a shirt, shoe, or other apparel or equipment worn by individual **10**. In some embodiments, individual monitor **200** may be a near-field communication (NFC) device (e.g., a radio-frequency identification (RFID) tag) or any active or passive communication device.

Similarly, in an exemplary embodiment object monitor **250** is a device that includes a position module **216** for determining data indicative of the location of object monitor **250** (and thus the location of sports object **40** carrying object monitor **250**), a heart rate monitor module **218** for determining data indicative of the heart rate of an individual (e.g., individual **10**) interacting with sports object **40** (e.g., gripping or otherwise holding sports object **40** such that a heart rate sensor of object monitor **250** can sense a pulse of the individual), a three-axis acceleration sensor module **226** for determining data indicative of the acceleration of sports object **40**, a gyroscope module **230** for determining data indicative of the orientation of sports object **40** with respect to, for example, a playing field and/or base station **300**, and a magnetometer module **232** for calibrating motion data determined by gyroscope module **230** and acceleration sensor module **226**. In some embodiments, object monitor **250** is a pod-like device, which may be configured for attachment to a sports object **40** (e.g., coupled to a racquet or bat upon an external surface thereof). In some embodiments, object monitor **250** is a chip integrated within a sports object **40** (e.g., coupled to a ball beneath the exterior surface thereof). In some embodiments, object monitor **250** may be a near-field communication (NFC) device (e.g., a radio-frequency identification (RFID) tag) or any active or passive communication device.

Each of position module **216**, heart rate monitor module **218**, acceleration sensor module **226**, gyroscope module **230**, and magnetometer module **232** may themselves include associated sensors (e.g., a GPS sensor, a heart rate sensor, an acceleration sensor, a gyroscope, and a magnetometer, respectively), or may be in communication with such an associated sensor. Such communication may be wired or wireless. In the case of wireless communication, each module may be communicatively paired with an associated sensor, to avoid miscommunication and interference due to communication of other components. In some exemplary embodiments, some or all of these and other modules may be included in a single module.

In an exemplary embodiment, some or all of sensors **202** are incorporated into sensor garment **204**. In such an embodi-

ment, sensors **202** incorporated into sensor garment **204** may connect to individual monitor **200** via wires also incorporated into sensor garment **204**.

During participation by individual **10** in the session of athletic activity, sensors **202** of individual monitor **200** sense various characteristics of individual **10**, generate data indicative of those characteristics, and transmit that data to memory **228** of individual monitor **200**, where it is stored. During use of sports object **40** in the session of athletic activity, sensors **202** of object monitor **250** sense various characteristics of sports object **40**, generate data indicative of those characteristics, and transmit that data to memory **228** of object monitor **250**, where it is stored. In turn, individual monitor **200** and/or object monitor **250** wirelessly transmit the generated data to base station **300**. The resolution at which the data is stored in memory **228** (of individual monitor **200** and/or of object monitor **250**) and at which the data is transmitted to base station **300** may be different, in order to optimize bandwidth, to optimize battery life, or for any other reason. For example, the heart rate of individual **10** may be sampled by heart rate monitor module **218** at 200 Hz, and data indicative of the heart rate may be generated at 200 Hz and stored in memory **228** at 200 Hz, but may be transmitted wirelessly to base station **300** at 2 Hz during the athletic activity. In some embodiments memory **228** is sufficient to store data from a single session of athletic activity (e.g., 3 hours of data collection), and in some embodiments memory **228** is sufficient to store data from up to 5 sessions of athletic activity (e.g., up to 15 hours of data collection).

Acceleration sensor module **226** can determine data indicative of acceleration, which can be used in calculating, for example, speed, distance, and metrics that will be discussed below. In some exemplary embodiments, the data indicative of acceleration can be used to increase accuracy of position data by, for example, using an accelerometer as a step counter or to determine a filter for a GPS signal calculation. In some exemplary embodiments, the data indicative of acceleration can be used, in conjunction with pattern recognition software, to determine the activity (e.g., the sport, movement, and/or drill) that an individual **10** is performing, and/or that sports object **40** is being used in.

Additionally, acceleration sensor module **226** can be used in conjunction with magnetometer module **232** and gyroscope module **230** in order to calibrate motion determinations. For example, information indicative of impact, change in motion, gravity, and step or other impact counting can be obtained using acceleration sensor module **226**. Angular movement can be obtained using gyroscope module **230**, and the absolute “North” orientation can be obtained using magnetometer module **232**. These sensor readings can be used to determine, for example, the posture of an individual **10**, gravity, orientation of individual **10** and/or object **40** in space, and heading of individual **10** and/or object **40**.

Position module **216** may determine data indicative of absolute position at, for example, 10 Hz. Acceleration sensor module **226** may determine data indicative of acceleration at, for example, 200 Hz. Gyroscope module **230** may determine data indicative of change of position and orientation at, for example, 200 Hz. Magnetometer module **232** may determine data indicative of orientation at, for example, 200 Hz. Data may be transmitted from individual monitor **200** and/or object monitor **250** (via antenna **224**) to base station **300** using a radio frequency (RF) link. The RF link between individual monitor **200** and base station **300** and/or between object monitor **250** and base station **300** should be sufficiently robust to cover the expected area of the athletic activity (e.g., playing field **30**). In some exemplary embodiments, the RF link is

sufficient to cover a distance of 50-300 meters under all operating conditions. In some exemplary embodiments, the RF link uses a globally available, license-free band (e.g., the 2.4 GHz frequency). In some exemplary embodiments, the RF link is configurable to cover multiple license-free bands used throughout the world. As will be described in greater detail below, in some exemplary embodiments base station **300** is capable of using the RF link to link to a plurality of individual monitors **200** and/or object monitors **250** simultaneously, for example, up to 25 individual monitors **200** and/or object monitors **250**, or up to 30 individual monitors **200** and/or object monitors **250**.

Individual monitor **200** may be, for example, a pod-like device, as shown in FIGS. 5-7, including a plastic housing **234** that contains components of individual monitor **200**, such as the modules discussed above, for example. Object monitor **250** may also be, for example, a pod-like device, including a plastic housing **234** that contains components of object monitor **250**, such as the modules discussed above, for example. Object monitor **250** may be configured for attachment to a sports object **40** (e.g., coupled to a racquet or bat upon an external surface thereof) or may be a chip integrated within a sports object **40** (e.g., coupled to a ball beneath the exterior surface thereof).

Individual monitor **200** and/or object monitor **250** may include connectors **236** that can provide connection to conductors to removably connect individual monitor **200** and/or object monitor **250** to, for example, sensors **202**. Connectors **236** may removably connect to sensors **202** via, for example, snaps, clips, latches, or any other suitable technique. Individual monitor **200** and/or object monitor **250** may further include or be coupled to an input **238**, which may be a button and which may function to turn individual monitor **200** and/or object monitor **250** on or off, when appropriately manipulated. Input **238** may include a background light indicator, which may be, for example, one or more light emitting diodes (LEDs) that indicate qualities of individual monitor **200** and/or object monitor **250**. Such qualities may include, for example, state of operation (e.g., on, off, active, inactive, charging, low battery), memory status, and battery status. In some exemplary embodiments, individual monitor **200** and/or object monitor **250** includes or is coupled to a visual display, such as, for example, a liquid crystal display (LCD) screen, that can display this and other information.

Individual monitor **200** and/or object monitor **250** may further include or be coupled to a docking port **240**, which facilitates wired communication with base station **300**, and which can facilitate charging of battery **212** of individual monitor **200** and/or object monitor **250**, when individual monitor **200** and/or object monitor **250** is docked with base station **300**. Housing **234** of individual monitor **200** and/or object monitor **250** may be sized so as to accommodate components of individual monitor **200** and/or object monitor **250** while minimally interfering with individual **10**'s performance of the athletic activity, and/or with use of sports object **40** during the athletic activity. Housing **234** may be sized, for example, to fit into a pocket or cavity of a garment (e.g., sensor garment **204**) or sports object **40**. In some exemplary embodiments, dimensions of housing **234** do not exceed 70 mm by 55 mm by 11 mm.

In some exemplary embodiments, housing **234** is water resistant, and all openings (e.g., docking port **240**, connectors **236**) are sealed while in use during athletic activity. Such water resistance can be achieved by a close fit between exposed parts of individual monitor **200** (particularly housing **234**), by use of plugs (e.g., plastic or rubber) that fit into

openings, by use of a water resistant sealing compound, by other techniques, or by any combination thereof.

Individual monitor **200** and/or object monitor **250** may include data processing capabilities, such as raw data reduction and filtering. For example, a processor of individual monitor **200** (e.g., controller **220**) may be configured to receive raw data from sensors **202** and to process such data at the individual monitor **200** and/or object monitor **250**, prior to transmission to base station **300**. For example, rather than transmitting raw data representing electrical activity sensed by heart rate monitor sensor **206** or acceleration sensor **210**, controller **220** of individual monitor **200** and/or object monitor **250** may process the raw data to calculate heart rate, number of heart beats in a given period, magnitude of acceleration, rate of change of acceleration, or other metrics of interest, which can be transmitted to base station **300**. In some exemplary embodiments, controller **220** of individual monitor **200** and/or object monitor **250** may use a unique encryption key (assigned by data processing module **304** of base station **300**) to encrypt data in order to securely transmit such data to base station **300**. Such processing of data at individual monitor **200** and/or object monitor **250** is not necessary, however, and raw data can be transmitted directly to base station **300** without such processing.

Operation of individual monitor **200** and/or object monitor **250** may be controlled by software stored in individual monitor **200** and/or object monitor **250** (e.g., stored in memory **228**). This software can be updated when necessary or appropriate. Software can be updated via communication with base station **300**, which may send software updates to individual monitor **200** and/or object monitor **250** wirelessly. Alternatively or additionally, software of individual monitor **200** and/or object monitor **250** may be updated through direct connection with base station **300** via docking ports **318** (as will be described below), such that firmware of individual monitor **200** and/or object monitor **250** may be flashed appropriately.

Sensors **202** are selected and configured to provide a basis for determination of metrics of the individual **10** and/or sports object **40** with which they are associated. As used herein, “metrics” may refer to representations of characteristics relevant to individual **10** and/or sports object **40** or one or more groups of individuals **10** and/or sports objects **40**, and may be, for example, physiological-, performance-, or location-based. A “metric” may simply be a representation of a characteristic sensed by one of sensors **202**, or may be a representation of a quality derived from data indicative of characteristics measured by one of sensors **202**. For example, an acceleration sensor **210** senses acceleration, and provides data indicative of this characteristic. This data can be represented as a metric. Additionally, this data can be further processed to determine further metrics such as velocity, direction of acceleration, and distance. Processing involving formulas and algorithms that work on the data received from sensors **202** (including data from different sensors **202**) and other sources can be used to determine a wide variety of results (including, for example, metrics, alerts, markers, targets, goals) determined to be useful to trainer **20**, including custom-designed results.

In some embodiments, such other sources that can provide data to group monitoring system **100** may include, for example, other sensors in communication with system components (e.g., a temperature or wind sensor coupled to base station **300**) or sensors of personal equipment of individuals **10** (e.g., a pedometer, heart rate monitor, weight scale, sleep monitor, or respiration monitor).

The data from such other sources may be gathered separate from or during the monitored athletic activity. For example, such data may be gathered during a private training session for an individual **10** (and may be used, for example, during a group training session monitored by group monitoring system **100**) or during training in a different sport, group, or season than the sport, group, or season being monitored.

Such other sources may communicate with group monitoring system **100** in any suitable way, such as, for example, via wired or wireless communication with a system component or by manual input of data output from such other sources (e.g., individual **10** reading the output of his or her personal pedometer, and inputting it into group monitoring system **100** via an input of a system component). In some embodiments, such other sources may transmit data to a database, which may in turn transmit such data to group monitoring system **100** (e.g., via web server system **500** or base station **300**).

Metrics can provide useful information individually about multiple individuals **10** and/or sports objects **40**, and can provide useful information about groups of individuals **10** and/or sports objects **40**. Metrics can also take into account attributes of a particular individual **10** or group of individuals **10**, such as, for example, height, weight, endurance, and top speed. Metrics can also take into account attributes of a particular sports object **40** or group of sports objects **40**, such as, for example, speed, trajectory, flight time, reaction time, acceleration, flight distance, launch angle, orientation, and rotation rate.

Metrics can also relate to an athletic activity itself, or to game events. For example, the character of a force sensed at sports object **40** may indicate that sports object has been passed from one individual **10**. Also for example, the character of a decrease in speed and/or rotation may be caused by sports object **40** contacting a net, such as a goal net, and may indicate that a goal has been scored. Also for example, a coincident decrease in movement or speed of a number of individuals **10** may indicate the end of a period of play.

Base station **300** may be a self-contained portable system, such as the exemplary embodiments depicted in FIGS. **21-26**, containing all hardware required or desired to perform the functions of base station **300** described herein. In some exemplary embodiments, base station **300** weighs no more than 25 kilograms. In some exemplary embodiments, base station **300** is sized so as to fit easily into the trunk of a car or the overhead storage area of a passenger aircraft. In some exemplary embodiments, base station **300** includes a pair of wheels **322** at one end, and a handle **324** at the other end, to facilitate mobility of base station **300**. In some exemplary embodiments, base station **300** is waterproof, and can withstand impacts associated with regular use and transport. In some exemplary embodiments, base station **300** is contained within a hard shell-style case **326**. In some exemplary embodiments, base station **300** is contained within a soft duffel bag-style case **328**.

In some exemplary embodiments base station **300** is configured to be portable. In some exemplary embodiments, base station **300** is configured to be positioned at an activity site. In some exemplary embodiments base station **300** is configured to be movable between activity sites such that it can be positioned at various activity sites. In some exemplary embodiments base station **300** is configured to be portable with respect to at least one of individual monitors **200**, object monitors **250**, and group monitoring device **400**. In some exemplary embodiments base station **300** is configured to be portable with respect to each of individual monitors **200**, object monitors **250**, and group monitoring device **400**.

In some exemplary embodiments, base station **300** itself includes sensors, such as, for example, a GPS sensor (or other position sensor), a gyroscope, a magnetometer, a temperature sensor, a humidity sensor, and/or a wind sensor. Such sensors can provide valuable data that can be used in algorithms to determine metrics associated with individuals **10** and/or sports objects **40**, as will be described below.

In some exemplary embodiments, base station **300** includes a reference sensor **334** (e.g., a GPS reference sensor), which may be physically included within base station **300** or independent of and located remote from base station **300** at a known position with respect thereto. Reference sensor **334** can be connected to base station **300** via wires or wirelessly. Reference sensor **334** can be used to detect a deviation signal and use it to calculate a correction signal for received position signals (e.g., GPS data). This correction signal can be sent to monitors **200, 250** (e.g., via base station **300**). This correction signal can be used to correct position determinations of monitors **200, 250**, thereby increasing their accuracy. Determining such a correction signal and then sending it to monitors **200, 250** achieves efficient use of processing capacity, because monitors **200, 250** are not burdened with determining a correction signal themselves, but simply receive and use a correction signal determined at base station **300** or reference sensor **334**.

Base station **300** may transmit and receive data from monitors **200, 250** via an antenna **330** configured for one or more of RF communication, WLAN communication, ISM communication, cellular (e.g., GSM broad band 2.5G or 3G) communication, other suitable communication, or a combination thereof. Communication between base station **300** and monitors **200, 250** may be bi-directional or uni-directional. Antenna **330** may be a high-gain antenna, and in some exemplary embodiments base station **300** includes multiple (e.g., 2) such antennas **330**. In some exemplary embodiments, base station **300** includes an antenna configured to send and/or receive a positioning signal such as that of a satellite-based positioning system (e.g., GPS). Base station **300** can then determine metrics from the received data. FIG. 8 depicts a diagram of an exemplary embodiment of group monitoring system **100**. As shown in FIG. 8, base station **300** includes a data reception module **302**, a data processing module **304**, a central synchronization (sync) module **310**, a logic module **312**, a web server module **314**, and a base station database **316**.

As described above, base station **300** receives data from monitors **200, 250**. Data reception module **302** of base station **300** may be in communication with each active monitor **200, 250**. In some exemplary embodiments data reception module **302** receives data from monitors **200, 250** via antenna **330** in communication with monitors **200, 250** through the RF link described above. Data reception module **302** writes the received data to a data file, which may be, for example, a comma-separated values file or a tab delimited file. The file may be, for example, a single file used to write the data to, or a rolling file (file roll) based on, for example, time, number of entries, or size. The data file may be updated using any suitable interval and parameters. For example, 30 monitors **200, 250** may be active and updating 5 data points at 2 Hz, in order to update the data file in near real time.

Data reception module **302** may perform a data integrity check on the received data. In some exemplary embodiments data reception module **302** decrypts the received data. In some exemplary embodiments data reception module **302** is agnostic to the received data, and does not decrypt the received data. In some exemplary embodiments data reception module **302** buffers content as needed.

Data reception module **302** may include a data read module **332** that reads the data from the data file and transmits it to data processing module **304**. Data read module **332** may run at any suitable interval, such as, for example, 500 ms (milliseconds), to read the change in the data written to the data file.

Prior to monitors **200, 250** being used during a session of athletic activity, each monitor **200, 250** may be connected to base station **300** (e.g., by docking in docking port **318**, or wirelessly) and may be assigned an encryption key by data processing module **304**. Monitors **200, 250** can use this encryption key to securely transmit data to data reception module **302**. Data processing module **304** receives data from data reception module **302**, as described above, and de-encrypts the data, if encrypted, by using the unique encryption key assigned to a particular monitor **200, 250**. Data processing module **304** transmits the decrypted data to base station database **316**, for storage.

Base station database **316** is preferably configured for short term storage of data generated during sessions of athletic activity, while long term storage is accomplished by web server system **500**, as will be discussed in greater detail below. Base station database **316** may include sufficient storage space for at least all data expected to be generated in 1 session of the athletic activity. In some exemplary embodiments, base station database **316** includes sufficient storage space for at least all data expected to be generated in 3 sessions of the athletic activity (e.g., greater than approximately 2 gigabytes). In some exemplary embodiments, base station database **316** is configured for long term storage, and includes sufficient storage space, for example, for at least all data expected to be generated in 10 years of use monitoring athletic activities (e.g., greater than approximately 600 gigabytes).

Logic module **312** polls base station database **316** and applies algorithms to the polled data to determine metrics and alerts. Logic module **312** can determine a wide variety of metrics, including custom-designed metrics, by application of appropriate algorithms. Logic module **312** can transmit such metrics to web server module **314**. More detailed description of exemplary metrics and their use will be provided below.

In some embodiments, system components (e.g., sensors **202**, individual monitors **200**, object monitors **250**, base stations **300**, group monitoring devices **400**, web server systems **500**, analysis devices **600**, camera monitoring systems **700**) may include assessment hardware and/or software to monitor on-board operating conditions, and/or operating conditions of other system components. Such monitored operating conditions may include, for example, component serial number, strength (including presence) of GPS signal at component, strength (including presence) of communication signal at component, remaining battery power of battery of component, whether battery of component is charging or discharging, data sent from and/or received by component (e.g., active data transmission, time of last data transmission, volume of data transmitted, rate of data transmission), available memory of component, current software or firmware version installed on component, target software or firmware version for component, synchronization status of component, errors in operation of component, time since last communication received from component, number of other components docked at component, whether component is properly located and/or oriented with respect to an associated individual, object, or area).

In some embodiments, data relating to operating conditions of system components can be transmitted between system components (e.g., as described herein for any other data

transfer, including metric-related data transfer). For example, operating conditions data relating to monitors **200**, **250** can be transmitted from monitors **200**, **250** to base station **300**. Also for example operating conditions data relating to monitors **200**, **250** and/or base station **300** can be transmitted from base station **300** (e.g., via logic module **312** and web server module **314**) to a remote device (e.g., group monitoring device **400**, analysis device **600**). Further, in some embodiments operating conditions data can be stored (e.g., as described herein for any other data storage, including metric-related data storage). For example, operating conditions data can be stored in base station database **316**.

In some exemplary embodiments, trainers **20** or other persons (e.g., system supervisors, doctors, medical staff, equipment manufacturers) can create performance alerts for individuals **10** in order to inform trainer **20** or such other persons of the occurrence of events. Such performance alerts can be used to, for example, measure workout effectiveness, manage training load, identify achievement of training targets, or identify dangerous situations. Performance alerts can be based on a number of metrics, such as, for example, distance (total and/or time within particular speed ranges), heart rate (present and/or cumulative time within particular heart rate zones, heart rate moving outside particular heart rate zones), power or training load, goals scored, contact with ball (or other sports object **40**). Such performance alerts can be generally applied to all individuals **10** (individually or in groups), or can be tailored to be specific to a particular individual **10**. Such performance alerts can be generally applied to all sessions of athletic activity, or can be tailored to be specific to a particular session of athletic activity. Similar performance alerts can be created for sports objects **40**.

In some embodiments, training sessions can be planned with performance alerts that allow a trainer **20** to see in real time whether training targets are being reached. Once a training target has been reached the trainer can end the training session for the individual **10** that has reached the target, to prevent over training. In some embodiments, trainers **20** can also monitor drills (or other athletic activity) in real time to see if the athletes are reaching training targets (e.g., target intensities) and recovering as intended. If targets are not being reached as desired by trainer **20**, trainer **20** may adjust training in real time to help reach the targets.

In some embodiments, such a performance alert may itself include specific coaching advice based on the alert. For example, an alert indicating that an individual **10** is running at a speed above a speed threshold may be accompanied by a recommendation for the individual **10** to slow down. Also for example, an alert indicating fatigue of a player **10** (e.g., a heart rate sustained above a threshold level for a threshold period of time, a heart rate above a threshold level in combination with a speed below a threshold level) may be accompanied by a recommendation for the individual **10** to be replaced. Also for example, an alert indicating a number of hits given or received by an individual **10** per unit time being below a threshold may be accompanied by a recommendation for the individual **10** to hit more.

Trainers **20** can create such performance alerts via an administrative device, which may be a device such as, for example, group monitoring device **400** or analysis device **600**, described in greater detail below. In some exemplary embodiments, performance alerts can be created using a remote computer (e.g., by a team manager or medical support person) and can be transferred to the base station and to any of monitors **200**, **250**, group monitoring devices **400**, or analysis devices **600** (e.g., via the Internet, and/or any of the communications channels described herein). Trainers **20** can create a

performance alert by, for example, selecting a metric, selecting conditions (e.g., target metric value, time frame for maintaining target metric value, date range for achieving target, target metric range), specifying exceptions, assigning the performance alert to an individual **10** and/or sports object **40** (or a group of individuals **10** and/or sports objects **40**), and associating the performance alert with a session of athletic activity.

The created performance alert may be viewed in association with its associated individual **10** and/or sports object **40** when viewing a dashboard (such as, for example, a dashboard showing information relating to the associated individual **10** and/or sports object **40** displayed by group monitoring device **400** or analysis device **600**, see, e.g., FIGS. **16** and **20**). Progress of individual **10** and/or sports object **40** toward triggering a performance alert (triggering occurs when the conditions of the performance alert are met) can be monitored during a session of athletic activity via group monitoring device **400**. Past performance alerts that have been triggered can be stored in association with individual **10** and/or sports object **40** or a group of individuals **10** and/or sports objects **40**, and these performance alert histories may be viewed using, for example, group monitoring device **400** or analysis device **600**. Examples of potential performance alerts include exhibiting an irregular heart rate, exhibiting a body temperature above 38 degrees C. (potentially a sign of hyperthermia), maintaining a heart rate of 85% of maximum or higher for 10 minutes or more, traveling a distance of 900 meters at a speed of 6.0 meters per second or more, achieving a training load of 700 Watt or more.

In some exemplary embodiments, trainers **20** or other persons can create system alerts for system components (e.g., individual monitors **200**, object monitors **250**, base stations **300**, group monitoring devices **400**, web server systems **500**, analysis devices **600**, camera monitoring systems **700**). System alerts can be configured to, for example, communicate operating conditions (statuses) of system components. In some embodiments, an alert for a component can be triggered in response to a determination (e.g., by the associated component, or another system component in communication therewith) that an operating condition has crossed a system alert threshold. For example, a system alert may be triggered for a particular individual monitor **200** in response to a determination by the individual monitor **200** that the remaining battery power of a battery of the individual monitor **200** has dropped below 5% of capacity. Also for example, a system alert may be triggered for a particular individual monitor **200** in response to a determination by a base station **300** in communication with individual monitor **200** that a data transmission has not been received from the individual monitor **200** for a predetermined period of time.

Logic module **312** can transmit information about such alerts (including, e.g., information indicating progress toward triggering an alert and information indicating an alert is triggered) to group monitoring device **400** (via web server module **314** of base station **300**) during athletic activity of individual **10** and/or use of sports object **40**. The information about such alerts can be stored in base station database **316**.

Web server module **314** can receive metric and alert information from logic module **312** for individual monitor **200**, individual **10**, object monitor **250**, and/or sports object **40**, or for multiple individual monitors **200**, individuals **10**, object monitors **250**, and/or sports objects **40** (including groups of individual monitors **200**, individuals **10**, object monitors **250**, and/or sports objects **40**). Web server module **314** can render display code (such as, for example, html5 (hypertext markup language **5**) compliant code) based on a request from a client

device such as, for example, group monitoring device **400**. In some embodiments, web server module **314** uses JavaScript® to open and maintain a web socket. Web server module **314** can also serve a security function, by ensuring that a request-
 ing client device is properly authenticated and that all data is
 5 passed using https (hypertext transfer protocol secure). Web server module **314** may provide group monitoring device **400** with requested metrics and generated alerts during the athletic activity, via, for example, an API layer.

Group monitoring device **400** can wirelessly receive metrics, alerts, and other information (e.g., identification information and attributes of individual monitors **200**, individuals **10**, object monitors **250**, and/or sports objects **40**; statistics related to individual monitors **200**, individuals **10**, object monitors **250**, and/or sports objects **40**, or statistics related to
 10 the athletic activity generally) from base station **300**. A single group monitoring device **400** may be in communication with base station **300**, or multiple group monitoring devices **400** may be in communication with base station **300** simultaneously. Group monitoring devices **400** may be portable with respect to base station **300** and may communicate with base station **300** via, for example, WLAN (wireless local area network), 2.4 GHz ISM (industrial, scientific, and medical) band, Bluetooth® (or Bluetooth® Low Energy (BITE)), or cellular protocols. In some embodiments, modes and/or channels of communication may be selected (e.g., via inputs of base station **300** or remote devices). See, for example, FIG. **68**, which shows an embodiment of display **402** of group monitoring device **400**, displaying a settings page that presents an option to select a communication channel for base station
 15 **300**.

In some exemplary embodiments, group monitoring device **400** includes a module selection element **446** which allows selection of one or more operation modules to be displayed. The operation modules may be selectable using operation module icons. In some exemplary embodiments, selection of a plan module icon **464** may trigger display of a plan module including features designed to be used to plan a session of athletic activity. In some exemplary embodiments, selection of a monitor module icon **466** may trigger display of
 20 a monitor module including features designed to be used to monitor a session of athletic activity in real time during the session of athletic activity, as described further herein. In some exemplary embodiments, selection of an analyze module icon **468** may trigger display of an analyze module including features designed to be used to analyze a session of athletic activity in real time during the session of athletic activity, or after completion of the session of athletic activity, as described further herein. In some exemplary embodiments, selection of a report module icon **470** may trigger display of
 25 a report module including features designed to be used to develop reports (e.g., printable or displayable summaries of selected information) related to a session of athletic activity.

In some exemplary embodiments, group monitoring device **400** includes a display **402** and an input **404**, as shown, for example, in FIG. **9**. In a preferred embodiment, group monitoring device **400** is a tablet computing-style device (such as a tablet personal computer or an iPad®, marketed by Apple Inc.®). Group monitoring device **400** may be, however, any other suitable device, such as, for example, a laptop
 30 computer, a smartphone, a personal computer, a mobile phone, an e-reader, a PDA (personal digital assistant), a smartphone, a wristwatch device, a display integrated into a garment (e.g., into a sleeve or arm band), or other similar device capable of receiving and displaying information and receiving input. In some embodiments, group monitoring system **100** includes a plurality of group monitoring devices

400, which may be carried by individuals **10** (e.g., during participation in a monitored athletic activity). For simplicity and clarity of explanation, group monitoring device **400** is herein described primarily as used by trainer **20**. Group monitoring device may be used similarly, however, by any person,
 5 including individuals **10**.

In some exemplary embodiments, during a session of athletic activity, trainer **20** may use group monitoring device **400** to receive real time information about individuals **10** and/or sports objects **40**. This information may enable trainer **20** to more easily accomplish a variety of goals. In the case that the athletic activity is a fitness exercise, trainer **20** can leverage real time data received about the fatigue of particular individuals **10** or groups of individuals **10** in order to, for example, inform data-driven real time decisions that optimize the performance of individuals **10** and reduce the potential for injury. For example, trainer **20** may modify a current session of athletic activity (e.g., shorten, extend, pause, end, or change the schedule of activity for the session) based on the information received from group monitoring device **400**. Trainer **20** may modify the session for particular individuals **10**, or for groups of individuals **10**. In the case that a present session of athletic activity has been scheduled using a plan module of monitoring device **400** (as described farther herein), the planned schedule can be changed in real time to correspond to decisions of trainer **20**. Similarly, in the case that the athletic activity is a competition (e.g., a soccer game), trainer **20** can leverage real time data received about the performance of particular individuals **10** and/or sports objects **40** or groups of individuals **10** and/or sports objects **40** in order to, for example, inform data-driven real time decisions that optimize the chance for success in the competition. In an exemplary embodiment, group monitoring device **400** can be used to monitor a single individual **10** and/or sports object **40** alone, as well as a group of individuals **10** and/or sports objects **40**.

In some exemplary embodiments, group monitoring device **400** may be used by broadcasters of an athletic activity in order to, for example, determine and relay to their audience information about individuals **10** participating in the athletic activity and/or sports objects **40** being used for the athletic activity.

Display **402** functions to display representations of individual monitors **200**, individuals **10**, object monitors **250**, and/or sports objects **40** (including, for example, identification information, attributes, metrics, and alerts) during participation in a session of athletic activity by individuals **10** and/or sports objects **40**. The representations can take many forms, including, for example, charts (see FIGS. **13** and **14**), dashboards (see FIG. **16**), graphs (see FIG. **15**), maps (see FIG. **16**), colors, symbols, text, images, and icons.

Various representations capable of being displayed by display **402** are described in detail herein. For simplicity and clarity of explanation, many of the representations are described with reference to individuals **10**, and may not refer to sports objects **40**. Information relating to one or more sports objects **40** may be displayed in any of these representations, or in formats similar to any of these representations, similarly as described for individuals **10**. Information (including metrics) relating to such sports objects **40** may be displayed separately from information relating to individuals **10**, or may be displayed together with information relating to individuals **10**. Displayed information relating to sports objects **40** may be of the same or a different type (e.g., a different metric) than that displayed for individuals **10**, whether displayed separately or together.

Input **404** is an interface that allows a user, such as trainer **20**, to manipulate the representations displayed by display **402**. In a preferred embodiment input **404** is a touch-screen input. Input **404** may be, however, any other suitable input, such as, for example, a keyboard, a voice-recognition audio input, or push-button inputs. Input **404** may further include a combination of various types of inputs. Input **404** may be manipulated by trainer **20** to cause display **402** to show desired representations. The representations can update in real time during the athletic activity through the communication of group monitoring device **400** with base station **300**, which is in turn in communication with individual monitors **200** worn by individuals **10** participating in the athletic activity and/or object monitors **250** carried by sports objects **40** used for the athletic activity, as described above.

In an exemplary embodiment, trainer **20** accesses group monitoring device **400** by inputting unique login credentials via input **404**. Alternatively, trainer **20** accesses group monitoring device **400** without inputting login credentials. Upon accessing group monitoring device **400**, trainer **20** may manipulate input **404** to use group monitoring device **400** to monitor individuals **10** and/or sports objects **40** in real time. Display **402** of group monitoring device **400** can be fully customizable, and different persons using different displays **402** may customize their displays differently. For example, different trainers may have different training philosophies and may desire to view training results in a ways unique to their training philosophy (e.g., with more emphasis on one metric or set thereof than another metric or set thereof). Group monitoring device **400** may be configured according to the specific needs or desires of the particular trainer using group monitoring display device **400**. Further, a web dashboard (displayed by, for example, analysis device **600**, a personal computer, or other analysis device, via, for example web server system **500** or base station **300**) for a particular trainer **20** may be similarly configured to present the information or analysis in the way that the trainer **20** finds most useful. Multiple monitoring devices **400** can be used simultaneously by multiple trainers **20**, and each can be customized independently from the others. Each of multiple monitoring devices **400** may monitor different individuals **10** and/or sports objects **40**, or groups thereof. Each of multiple monitoring devices **400** may monitor and present different information and/or the same information in different formats. For example, representations of metrics (e.g., numerically or graphically) may be presented as absolute values (e.g., power output) or relative values (e.g., relative power output). Also for example, colors used to present metrics or other information may be selected by a user.

Each of multiple monitoring devices **400** may be customized to include different alerts and/or markers (as discussed further herein). Such customizability may allow each of a group of trainers **20** to focus on and monitor different aspects of individuals **10** and/or sports objects **40**, or groups thereof. Each display feature described herein can be modified and/or included in a particular view of display **402** at the option of a user of display **402** (e.g., trainer **20**). For ease of description, however, display **402** will be presented herein as representing a variety of different “dashboards”, a dashboard being a visual representation of one or more elements. In some exemplary embodiments, dashboards can be defined as default views, which can then be used or modified at the option of the user. For example, a team view dashboard may represent information relating to each individual **10** on a team, as well as information relating to the team as a whole, while an individual view dashboard may represent information relating to a particular individual **10**.

In an exemplary embodiment, display **402** of group monitoring device **400** shows a team view dashboard (see, for example, the exemplary display **402** of FIGS. **13**, **17**, **18**, and **27-32**, **33A**, **33B**, **34**, **35A-35D**, and **69-72**). The team view dashboard may simultaneously display identification information and summary metrics for all individuals **10** presently participating in the monitored athletic activity, and/or all sports objects **40** presently being used for the monitored activity, or one or more groups thereof. The identification information may include individual name **406** and individual jersey number **408**, or sports object type **417**, for example. In some embodiments, a photograph **410** or other graphic of each individual **10** and/or sports objects **40** is also included as identification information (see, e.g., FIGS. **27**, **28**, **31**, **32**, and **33A**). The summary metrics shown in the team view dashboard can be configured to be the metrics most applicable or most beneficial to trainer **20**. In the exemplary display **402** of FIG. **13**, present heart rate, speed, training load, and power are shown for each of Player A through Player H (Player A through Player H being individuals **10** presently participating in the monitored athletic activity), and speed is shown for a ball (the ball being the sports object **40** presently used for the monitored athletic activity). The metrics shown in FIG. **13** are shown as numerical values. Display of metrics is not limited to display of numerical values, however. Metrics may be represented in other suitable ways as would be appreciated by one of skill in the art, such as, for example, graphically (see, e.g., FIG. **15**), or in map form (see, e.g., FIGS. **16** and **17**).

In some embodiments, metrics may be displayed as relative values. For example, a present value for a metric may be displayed as a percentage of a value for that metric. For example, a value for a metric may be displayed as a percentage of a reference value for that metric. The reference value can vary for each individual **10** and/or sports object **40**, and can be based on the personal ability of an associated individual **10**. The reference value can be determined by experiment (e.g., via a calibration assessment activity), can be estimated, can be calculated, or can be otherwise determined.

For example, a relative power metric of an individual **10** may be expressed as a percentage value, which may represent the present power output of individual **10** as a percentage of a reference (e.g., maximum) power output of the individual **10**. In some embodiments power output of individual **10** can be approximated based on movement of an upper torso of individual **10** (e.g., where an individual monitor **200** is positioned to the upper torso, and thus closely coupled to the individual **10**'s center of mass). Such approximation may not account for power output due to movement of limbs of individual **10** (i.e., it may only account for power output due to movement of the torso of individual **10**), or other unknown factors, such as, for example, wind resistance and gait differences.

A relative power metric can compensate for such unknown and unaccounted-for factors, by determining a reference power output value based on a calibration assessment activity. During the calibration assessment activity, individual **10** participates in an athletic activity at a high level of intensity (or as otherwise directed), performing movements typical to the type of athletic activity to be subsequently monitored (or as otherwise directed). During this calibration assessment activity individual monitor **200** approximates the power output of movement of individual **10** (e.g., based on sensed movement of individual **10**). A reference power output can be determined (e.g., after completion of the calibration assessment activity) based on the power output approximated during the activity (in some embodiments, in conjunction with other monitored metrics, such as, for example, heart rate).

The reference power output can be calculated by an algorithm with input of data from the calibration assessment activity, or can be selected by a person visually analyzing a representation of such approximated power output as a function of time (e.g., via group monitoring device **400**). The reference power output may be selected as representative of the approximated power output of individual **10** during the calibration assessment activity, and can be based on approximated power output during a period of relatively stable power output (e.g., the mean approximated power output during such a period).

Relative power output of individual **10** can be determined as a measure of measured power output (approximated by individual monitor **200**), relative to the reference power output determined during the calibration assessment activity. For example, relative power output of individual **10** can be calculated as power output measured (or approximated) by individual monitor **200**, divided by the reference power output (and, in some embodiments, multiplied by 100 to express relative power output as a percentage value). Thus, relative power output of individual **10** can be expressed as the percentage power of the individual **10**'s reference power output that the individual **10** is currently delivering (or was delivering at the time of measurement). Because such unknown and unaccounted for factors as described above occur both during the calibration assessment activity and the monitored athletic activity, errors introduced into power output measurements thereby will substantially cancel out in a relative power calculation.

In some embodiments, a trainer **20** may run calibration assessment activities for multiple individuals **10**, to establish a personalized reference power output for each individual **10**. In this way, power output can be directly compared across multiple individuals **10** (e.g., relative power can be displayed for multiple individuals **10** simultaneously on, for example, display **402** of group monitoring device **400**). Relative power for multiple individuals **10** can be displayed to trainer **20** (e.g., via group monitoring device **400**) to facilitate such comparison.

Relative metrics may assist trainer **20** in understanding the intensity of an individual **10**'s performance. For example, two individuals **10** of very different fitness levels may have very different power outputs in absolute terms, even where both individuals **10** are working at similar intensities. Thus, a representation of absolute power outputs would not necessarily convey the intensity at which individuals **10** are working. But a representation of relative power outputs would, being that relative power output is normalized for each individual. Representations of relative power outputs for each individual **10** can act as a normalization on absolute power output for each individual, to convey to a trainer **20** how hard monitored individuals **10** are working comparatively.

In some embodiments, a trainer may monitor multiple individuals **10** using a common training plan, where the common training plan is based on relative metrics. By being based on relative metrics, training targets (e.g., of the common training plan) may be effectively normalized over multiple individuals **10**, allowing meaningful evaluation of multiple individuals **10** of differing personal abilities under the common training plan.

In some embodiments, a personal training plan may be developed for a first individual **10** based on relative metrics. Because the personal training plan is based on relative metrics, it can be applied to a second individual **10** without need for adjustment. For example, a personalized training plan may be developed for a famous athlete, based on relative metrics. A fan of that athlete can perform the same training

plan, even if he is not as physically capable as the famous athlete, because the plan will be normalized to his abilities by use of his own relative metrics. Such a plan can be scheduled into group monitoring system **100** as described herein.

In some embodiments, training recommendations or automatic training plan adjustments may be provided via an administrative device, which may be a device such as, for example, group monitoring device **400** or analysis device **600**. During or after an athletic performance, data relating to the performance may be analyzed by one or more system components of group monitoring system **100** (such data may be analyzed for a single individual **10** or for multiple individuals **10** as a group). In analyzing the performance data, group monitoring system **100** may identify an area for improvement (e.g., a weakness) in performance. Such a weakness may be, for example, a metric for an individual **10** that is more than a threshold amount lower than an average for that metric among individual **10**'s teammates, or a metric for a team of individuals **10** that is improving at a lower rate than other metrics for the team. Group monitoring system **100** may determine training recommendations to address the identified area for improvement based on such analysis. In some embodiments, training recommendations are based on data from individual monitors **200** only, from object monitors **250** only, or from both individual monitors **200** and object monitors **250**.

In some embodiments, group monitoring device **400** may display a representation of such training recommendation. In some embodiments, where a training plan is established in association with group monitoring system **100**, group monitoring system **100** may compare the training plan (for the relevant individual **10** or group) with the training recommendation. If the training plan does not include training of the training recommendation, group monitoring system may recommend or automatically adjust the training plan based on such analysis, to include training of the training recommendation. In some embodiments, where a training plan is not established in association with group monitoring system **100**, group monitoring system **100** may recommend or automatically establish a training plan (for the relevant individual **10** or group) with the training recommendation.

For example, where analyzed metrics or alerts indicate sub-optimal running-related performance by an individual **10** or group of individuals **10** (e.g., a number of alerts above a threshold number), a training recommendation to provide more or different running training may be provided, or a training plan may be automatically established or adjusted to include more or different running-related drills. Also for example, where analyzed metrics or alerts indicate sub-optimal energy output by an individual **10** or group of individuals **10**, a training recommendation to eat particular energy-providing foods may be provided, or a diet plan may be automatically established or adjusted to include particular energy-providing foods. Also for example, where analyzed metrics or alerts indicate sub-optimal fatigue tolerance by an individual **10** or group of individuals **10**, a training recommendation to sleep at a particular time or for a particular amount of time may be provided, or a sleep plan may be automatically established or adjusted to include a particular time or for a particular amount of time for sleep. Also for example, a training recommendation to adjust a technique for performing an athletic act (e.g., a kick of a ball, a swing of a bat) may be provided based on analyzed metrics or alerts relating to a previous act by individual **10** (e.g., to achieve greater distance, height, or speed of the kicked ball; or to achieve more consistent contact with a ball with a swing of the bat).

In some embodiments, training plans can be exported, sold, or shared (e.g., using secondary servers as described herein). In this way, an individual **10** may acquire, for example, a training plan used by a famous athlete or sports team, a training plan tailored to improve a weakness of the individual **10**, a training plan tailored to the position played by the individual **10**, or a training plan tailored to a particular training philosophy (e.g., training in the mornings, training in warm weather, or training in sunshine).

Further, sharing of plans among coaches, trainers, physicians, and other interested parties of a given team can facilitate collaboration and development of comprehensive training strategies. For example, the group monitoring system **100** may enable coaches and trainers to analyze and prepare reports based on the data they collect from one or more training sessions. (Such data may include, for example, customized metrics and performance alerts created by the coach or trainer.) This may allow the coach or trainer to quickly and easily share the reports of each session with other coaches or trainers, to receive reports from other coaches or trainers, and to plan for the next session based on the reports. The reports may be tailored to provide a custom analysis to support each coach or trainer's philosophy for training, and may be provided via, for example, a web system (e.g., web server system **500**).

In some embodiments, group monitoring device **400** may provide real-time analysis and summary reports during training that help trainers **20** respond in real time to characteristics of individuals **10** and/or sports objects **40**. Trainers **20** may compare individual metrics with those of the rest of the team. This feedback can help trainers **20** motivate individuals **10**, or even other trainers.

In some embodiments, a relative metric may be incorporated into an efficiency metric. For example, an efficiency metric may be based on relative power of an individual **10** in comparison to heart rate of the individual **10** (e.g., a relative heart rate, determined similarly as described above for relative power output), to determine a measure of individual **10**'s relative power as a function of relative heart rate, which can be considered a measure of the efficiency of individual **10**.

In some exemplary embodiments, for example, display **402** of FIG. **27**, heart rate, power, distance, and efficiency are shown for each of Player A through Player L, with these values for additional players available to be viewed by scrolling down past Player L. Also shown for each of Player A through Player L are fields for alerts (e.g., performance alerts) and notes. In some exemplary embodiments, as depicted in, for example, FIGS. **27** and **31**, note icons **425** and alert icons **432** may indicate the presence of notes or alerts. Selection of such note icons **425** and alert icons **432** may trigger display of additional information related to an associated note or icon. For example, the team view dashboard of FIG. **27** indicates that player A has 1 alert, Player E has 3 alerts, and Player L has 2 alerts, and that each of Players A, D, E, I, and K have notes associated with their entries. Such notes and alerts are described in greater detail herein. Such notes and alerts may be displayed similarly for sports object **40**.

In some exemplary embodiments, display **402** displays a subset of all monitored individuals **10**. In this way trainer **20** can focus on particular individuals **10**. In some exemplary embodiments, the subset of individuals **10** displayed can be defined by trainer **20**, and display **402** can include a selection feature, for example, selection feature **428** of FIGS. **28** and **29**, that allows trainer **20** to select to include or not include particular individuals **10** in the viewable subset.

Additionally or alternatively, the team view dashboard may show group summary metrics for groups of individuals **10**

participating in the monitored athletic activity. The group summary metrics may be averages of the corresponding metrics for each individual **10** belonging to the group, or the group summary metrics may be calculated using an independent algorithm designed to reflect a desired attribute of the group as a whole. In the exemplary display **402** of FIG. **13**, present average heart rate, speed, training load, and power are shown for the team (i.e., Player A through Player H), and for a group including a sub-set of the team (i.e., Player A, Player C, and Player E). The values for heart rate, speed, training load, and power may update in real time during the athletic activity so as to reflect present values.

Team view dashboard is not limited to display of heart rate, speed, training load, and power, and is not limited to the display of 4 metrics. Team view dashboard can be customized to display those metrics most applicable or most beneficial to trainer **20**, and may display, for example 3 to 5 distinct metrics for each individual **10** and/or sports objects **40**. In some exemplary embodiments the metrics displayed can be set prior to the athletic activity during a setup procedure. In some exemplary embodiments the metrics displayed can be changed during the athletic activity by manipulation of input **404**.

In some exemplary embodiments, for example, display **402** of FIGS. **69-72**, relative metrics of a plurality of individuals **10** may be displayed. For example, in the embodiments of FIGS. **69-72**, relative power and relative heart rate are displayed in chart **411** for a plurality of individuals **10**. Also in the embodiments of FIGS. **69-72**, efficiency of individuals **10** is displayed. Efficiency is represented by the overlay comparison of relative heart rate and relative power output in the same chart **411**, which conveys a measure of the difference between relative heart rate and relative power output for each individual **10**.

A particular metric of the displayed metrics in team dashboard view may be designated as a featured metric **414**, which may be displayed with emphasis relative to other metrics. A featured metric may be independently designated (e.g., by trainer **20**) for an individual **10**, or for a group of individuals **10**. Featured metric **414** may be displayed more prominently or in greater detail than other metrics, in order to allow trainer **20** to easily get an at-a-glance view of the featured metric across all individuals **10** participating in the athletic activity. In some exemplary embodiments featured metric **414** may be changed during monitoring of the athletic activity to any available metric, by appropriate manipulation of input **404** (e.g., selecting the metric desired to be featured, such as by selecting one of featured metric options **430** shown in, for example, FIG. **30**). In some exemplary embodiments trainer **20** can toggle back and forth between featured metric views.

Featured metric **414** may be featured in a variety of ways. For example, it may be displayed in a color (or with a background color) different from that of the other displayed metrics, it may be displayed larger than the other metrics, it may flash or blink, it may include a larger background area than that of other metrics, it may be positioned closest to the identification information of individuals **10**, it may include a status bar, chart, or graph (e.g., status bar **462**), or it may exhibit a combination of these or other characteristics. In the exemplary display **402** of FIG. **13**, heart rate is featured by including a larger background area than that of the other metrics and by being positioned closest to the identification information of individuals **10**. In the exemplary display **402** of FIG. **27**, power is featured by including a status bar next to the power entry for each individual **10**. In the exemplary display of FIGS. **30** and **32**, power is further featured by additionally displaying a value representing power larger

than other values. In the exemplary display **402** of FIG. **31**, heart rate is featured by including a status bar and by presenting a value representing heart rate larger than other values.

Some exemplary embodiments may, if alerts have been established (e.g., performance alerts for a metric of an individual **10**, or system alerts for a system component), include an indication of whether a value of the metric or status is within particular zones relative to the alert parameters. For example, a color of the background area of the metric or status may change, or an icon may appear, based on, for example, whether the value is within or outside the zone, or on the proximity of the value to a threshold. In an exemplary embodiment where an alert is established for maintaining a heart rate of 85% of maximum or higher for 10 minutes or more, when a value of the heart rate of individual **10** is at 85% of maximum or higher, the background of the area containing the heart rate value of individual **10** is green, and when the heart rate has been at 85% of maximum or higher for 10 minutes or more, a star icon appears in the area containing the heart rate value of individual **10**, and an audio sound is played by a speaker of group monitoring device **400**. In some exemplary embodiments, as shown in, for example, FIGS. **31-33A**, an indication that an alert has been triggered can be provided by a change in color of the area around the name of an associated individual **10**, and a circle or other alert icon **432** representing the alert can be presented indicating the presence and/or number of alerts that are associated with the individual **10**. The change in color may be maintained as long as an alert is active, or may change at the triggering of the alert, and fade or change back to its original color after a period of time. In some exemplary embodiments, individual monitors **200** can provide indication of an alert to an associated individual **10** via, for example, emitting an audible noise (e.g., via a speaker), vibrating, or providing a visual indication (e.g., via an LED or LCD display).

In some exemplary embodiments, if an alert is triggered, trainer **20** can select a representation of the alert to thereby access more information about the alert, as shown in, for example, FIGS. **33A** and **34**. In some exemplary embodiments, selecting the representation of the alert leads to a detailed chart view of the metric that triggered the alert. In some exemplary embodiments, display **402** may display all active alerts, at a point or period in time, for all monitored individuals **10** or subsets thereof. In some exemplary embodiments, new alerts can be indicated by, for example, a flashing icon or a temporary pop-up box **434** showing information relating to the new alert, as is shown in the exemplary embodiments of FIGS. **33A**, **33B**, **34**, and **35A-35D**, for example.

In some exemplary embodiments, pop-up box **434** includes information about a single alert (e.g., FIG. **33A**). In some exemplary embodiments, pop-up box **434** includes information about multiple alerts (e.g., FIGS. **33B**, **65**, **66**). The multiple alerts can be displayed according to any suitable criteria. For example, the multiple alerts may be active alerts related to a particular or group of individual monitors **200**, individuals **10**, object monitors **250**, and/or sports objects **40**, may be all active alerts, or may be alerts triggered within some time period prior to the present time. In some exemplary embodiments, pop-up box **434** indicates the presence and/or number of alerts triggered. This number may include, for example, all active alerts, all unviewed alerts, or the number of alerts triggered within some time period prior to the present time (e.g., FIGS. **35C**, **65**). In some exemplary embodiments, a pop-up box **434** indicating the number of alerts triggered appears in the place of a pop-up box **434** including additional alert information when the number of alerts to be displayed is above some threshold number.

In some exemplary embodiments, an alert management window **438** can be displayed in response to selection of an alert management icon **448**, as depicted in, for example, FIG. **35D**. Alert management window **438** may include information about all active alerts or a subset thereof, and may allow dismissal or acknowledgement of such alerts.

In some exemplary embodiments, the team view dashboard is sortable in real time. Trainer **20** may manipulate input **404** so as to cause display **402** to show information for individuals **10** sorted by a desired metric. For example, trainer **20** may select a displayed heart rate metric (by, for example, selecting the metric label or a sort icon associated with the metric), and the information for individuals **10** may be rearranged so as to be represented in ascending or descending order. For example, FIG. **19** shows individuals **10** rearranged from the individual **10** with the lowest heart rate to the individual **10** with the highest heart rate. Further selections of the heart rate metric may cause the information for individuals **10** to change from ascending to descending representations, and vice versa. In some exemplary embodiments, trainer **20** may similarly sort by, for example, name **406**, position in space (e.g., location on the field or court), position on team (e.g., goalkeeper, defender, point guard), jersey number **408**, physiological status, connection status, or active alerts. Such features can allow trainer **20** to easily see which individuals **10** have high and low metrics relative to other individuals **10**.

In some exemplary embodiments, the team view dashboard is filterable in real time. Trainer **20** may manipulate input **404** so as to cause display **402** to show information for a subset of individuals **10**. For example, trainer **20** may select one or more groups representing a subset of individuals **10**. Groups can be selected in a variety of ways. In some exemplary embodiments trainer **20** selects a group label or a filter icon associated with the group. In some exemplary embodiments trainer **20** selects individuals to create a group in real time. In some exemplary embodiments trainer **20** inputs information used to identify members of a group, such as, for example, all individuals **10** having higher than a particular heart rate, all individuals **10** having higher than a particular training load percentage, all individuals assigned a particular position, or all individuals having a particular physiological status. When a group is selected the display may change such that information for only those individuals **10** that are included in the group is displayed. Such features can allow trainer **20** to easily focus on the metrics associated with a group of individuals **10**.

In some exemplary embodiments, the team view dashboard can also be used to monitor the status of connection of individual monitors **200** to base station **300**. If, for example, an individual **10** travels out of range of base station **300**, base station **300** may not receive normal transmissions from the individual monitor **200** of that individual **10**. The team view dashboard can indicate that no data is being received by base station **300** for that individual **10** by, for example, graying out the identification information of that individual **10** (see, e.g., Player G of FIGS. **27**, **31**, **32**, and **34**), by including a strikethrough through information relating to that individual **10**, or by including an icon in association with the identification information of that individual **10**.

In some exemplary embodiments, alternative representations can replace the above-described representation of FIG. **13**, or can be used as selectable alternative views, allowing trainer **20** to choose between the above-described representation and the alternative representations. The alternative representations of FIGS. **17** and **18** include multiple panels, each showing information for a particular individual **10**. FIG. **17** includes a location component **412** showing the present loca-

tion of individuals **10** on playing field **30**, where individuals **10** are depicted represented by their identifying numbers. In some exemplary embodiments, as depicted in, for example, FIG. **60**, individuals **10** are represented by their photographs. FIG. **18** includes a featured metric **414** (heart rate) displayed prominently in the center of each panel, as well as a key **416** showing what metric the values in each panel represent. Trainer **20** may select a metric on key **416** to have it displayed as the featured metric **414**. FIG. **18** also includes a list of individuals **10** not actively monitored. Trainer **20** may select an individual **10** from this list to actively monitor that individual. Operation of the alternative representations of FIGS. **17** and **18** is similar to operation of the above-described representation of FIG. **13**.

In some exemplary embodiments, location component **412** shows the present location of individuals **10** on the playing field, and selection of a representation of one of individuals **10** triggers display of a status box displaying information about the current status of the selected individual **10**. In some exemplary embodiments, as depicted in, for example, FIG. **60**, location component **412** may include a heat map **413**, providing a visual indication of concentrations of individuals **10** in areas of the playing field, which information may help trainer **20** determine whether to redistribute individuals **10**. Such visual indication may include coloring areas of higher concentration of individuals **10** differently from areas of lower concentrations of individuals **10**. Location component **412** can be used to monitor individuals **10** in real time, or can be used to review the locations of individuals **10** from a past session of athletic activity or earlier in the present session of athletic activity.

In an exemplary embodiment, display **402** of group monitoring device **400** shows an individual view dashboard (see, for example, the exemplary displays **402** of FIGS. **16** and **36A**, **36B**, **37A**, **37B**, and **38-41**). Trainer **20** may access an individual view dashboard by, for example, selecting an individual **10** on the team view dashboard. The individual view dashboard may show information about the selected individual **10**, such as, for example, biographical information (e.g., photograph **410**, name **406**, jersey number **408**, position), attributes (e.g., height, weight), metrics (e.g., time active, heart rate, speed, distance traveled, intensity level, training load, efficiency, location), statistics (e.g., points scored), alerts, notes, and condition (e.g., active, healthy, rehabilitation). In some exemplary embodiments the individual view dashboard shows different information about the selected individual **10** than that shown in the embodiment of FIG. **16**.

In some exemplary embodiments, when trainer **20** selects an information entry, a detailed view of that information may be displayed. For example, if trainer **20** selects 'heart rate' on the individual view dashboard for Player A shown in FIG. **16**, display **402** may display a detailed chart and/or graph **418** showing a history of Player A's heart rate throughout the present athletic activity (see, e.g., FIG. **20**). In some exemplary embodiments, trainer **20** may select a 'power' indicator on the individual view dashboard, and display **402** may display a detailed chart and/or graph **418** showing a history of the selected player's power (see, e.g., FIG. **36A**).

In some exemplary embodiments, any applicable alert information (e.g., training zones, thresholds) specific to the selected metric for selected individual **10** is displayed in the detailed view. For example, as shown in the detailed views of FIGS. **20** and **36A**, training zones **420** for Player A's heart rate are overlaid on graph **418** of Player A's heart rate. In some exemplary embodiments, areas of zones **420** may be highlighted where coincident with data of graph **418**, as depicted

in, for example, FIG. **36B**. Also, for example, as shown in the detailed view of FIG. **36A**, training zones **420** (e.g., for a player's speed) may be displayed in a pie chart **472**. In some exemplary embodiments, alerts relevant to a particular metric may be indicated by an icon displayed in association with the chart and/or graph indicative of that metric. For example, in the detailed view of FIG. **39**, an alert icon **432** indicates an alert associated with the player's heart rate, and an alert icon **432** indicates 3 alerts associated generally with the player.

Selection of these alerts may trigger presentation of more detailed information about the alert, for example, in the form of a pop-up graphic **434**, as shown in FIG. **40**. In some exemplary embodiments, trainer **20** can select multiple information entries and display **402** can incorporate information regarding the selected multiple information entries in the detailed view. For example, FIG. **20** shows Player A's speed shown in graph **418** of display **402**. In some exemplary embodiments, display **402** may display additional detailed charts and/or graphs **436** while displaying the primary chart and/or graph **418**. In some exemplary embodiments, the additional detailed charts and/or graphs **436** are displayed less prominently (e.g., smaller) than the primary chart and/or graph **418**, as depicted in, for example, FIGS. **36A** and **39**. In some exemplary embodiments, if an area on chart and/or graph **418** is selected (e.g., by trainer **20**), more detailed information about the displayed metric may be displayed. For example, selecting near a particular point on a line graph may trigger display of a graphic **474** indicating the value of one or more metrics at that point (see, e.g., FIGS. **37B** and **38**). In some exemplary embodiments, chart and/or graph **418** may include information indicative of more than one metric. For example, chart and/or graph **418** may include power and heart rate on the same chart and/or graph (see, e.g., FIGS. **37A** and **37B**).

In some exemplary embodiments, chart and/or graph **418** may include metric information for past sessions of athletic activity, which may be stored within group monitoring device **400** or transmitted thereto by, for example, base station **300**. In some exemplary embodiments, chart and/or graph **418** may include information indicative of more than one time period for one or more metrics. For example, chart and/or graph **418** may include heart rate information for the present or most recent session of athletic activity separate from or overlaid with heart rate information for one or more prior sessions of athletic activity on the same chart and/or graph.

In some exemplary embodiments, trainer **20** may input notes about a particular individual **10**, group of individuals **10**, or team, by, for example, selecting a note field **422** of the individual view dashboard, as shown in, for example, FIGS. **16** and **41**. In some exemplary embodiments, note field **422** may indicate the presence of notes, display notes, and/or provide an option or input to create new notes. In some exemplary embodiments, selection of note field **422**, or otherwise accessing note adding capability, may cause display **402** to display a create note window **439** where trainer **20** can input a note, as shown in, for example, FIG. **44**.

Selecting note field **422** may cause a free-text note entry field to appear, into which trainer **20** can enter text. In some embodiments, selecting note field **422** causes a microphone in group monitoring device **400** to activate and record voice input of trainer **20**, allowing trainer **20** to record a voice note. Trainer **20** may input desired information in note field **422**, such as, for example, a reminder to closely monitor the heart rate of individual **10**, a reminder that individual **10** appears dehydrated, a determination that individual **10** should be congratulated for a good play, or a determination that the team should practice a particular play. In some exemplary embodi-

ments, notes include time information, indicating, for example, the time to which a note pertains, or the time a note was created or modified, which can be useful for a later correlation between recorded data and the notes. Such time information may be entered manually or determined automatically.

In some exemplary embodiments, trainer 20 may select markers 440 to include in a session timeline 424. Such markers 440 may be selected before (e.g., using a plan module, as described further herein), during, or after the athletic activity. Session timeline 424 may keep track of the time elapsed or remaining in a session of athletic activity, or in a subset or interval of the session of athletic activity, and may be represented by, for example, numerical values (e.g., numerical value 450) or a moving point on a line representing total session time, as shown in, for example, FIGS. 13, 16, 19, 20, and 27-44. A marker 440 may be used to identify events within a training session. A trainer 20 may select a marker 440 by, for example, selecting an add marker button 426 (see, e.g., FIGS. 13, 16, 20, and 42A), or by selecting a point on session timeline 424, for example.

In some exemplary embodiments, selection of add marker button 426 causes display 402 to display an add marker window 442, allowing input of parameters to define the marker, as shown in, for example, FIGS. 42E and 43. Add marker window 442 may include a note input area 444 where trainer 20 can input a note associated with a marker 440. A marker 440 may be associated with a team as a whole, with sub-groups of individuals 10, or with a particular individual 10. When selecting a marker 440, trainer 20 may designate the marker type, which can be, for example, an “activity start” marker to designate the point at which an activity starts, an “activity stop” marker to designate the point at which an activity stops, or a “flag marker” to designate the point at which a particular event occurs. For activity-based markers, marker attributes may include the type of activity (e.g., cardio, drill, strength, recovery, other) and the activity name, for example. For flag-based markers, marker attributes may include the type of flag (e.g., injury, rest, off field, out of range).

In some exemplary embodiments, markers 440 include time information, indicating, for example, the time to which a marker 440 pertains, or the time a marker 440 was created and/or modified, which can be useful for a later correlation between recorded data and the markers. Such time information may be entered manually or determined automatically. In some exemplary embodiments, trainer 20 can input notes to be associated with the marker, or with a particular point on session timeline 424. In some exemplary embodiments, as depicted in, for example, FIGS. 27 and 31, note icons 425 positioned at points on session timeline 424 can represent such notes. Attributes of markers 440 may be designated by trainer in real time, or can be pre-defined. Markers 440 can be associated with session timeline 424 at the time they are created, or can be associated with any other time on session timeline 424. Markers can be useful to trainer 20 in analyzing the performance of individuals 10 during the athletic activity as well as after the athletic activity, by associating contextual information with particular times and individuals. In some exemplary embodiments, if a part of a session is marked with activity markers, past data from the same types of activities of an individual 10 can be retrieved and overlaid with more recent (including presently generated) data of the individual 10, thereby facilitating comparison of data for an individual 10. Markers 440 and their use, as described herein, can apply to a particular individual 10, or to groups of individuals 10

(e.g., one or more teams or leagues of individuals 10, or one or more sub-groups of one or more teams or leagues of individuals 10).

In some exemplary embodiments, analysis markers 440 can be defined and manipulated by a user (e.g., trainer 20). Analysis markers 440 can be used as boundaries to define a subset of metric information as a function of an interval parameter. Group monitoring device 400 may then display metric information (e.g., performance metric information, such as, for example, heart rate) corresponding only to the subset of metric information defined by analysis markers 440. Analysis markers 440 can be defined for a particular individual 10, or for a group of individuals 10. An interval parameter may be any parameter that can have a designated first point and second point, which can be designated by, for example, a first analysis marker 440 and a second analysis marker 440, thereby defining an interval therebetween suitable to measure performance. For example, the interval parameter may be time or distance.

In some exemplary embodiments, analysis markers 440 define a portion of the athletic activity engaged in by individuals 10. The portion of athletic activity may be, for example, warmup, a drill, live play, cool down, a line drill, sprints, repeated sprints, a conditioning drill, a strength training drill, a tactical drill, or a skills drill for a particular sport. For example, if a conditioning drill begins 10 minutes into an athletic activity, and ends 15 minutes into the athletic activity, a first analysis marker 440 may designate a time 10 minutes into the athletic activity, and a second analysis marker 440 may designate a time 15 minutes into the athletic activity, thereby defining a 5 minute interval therebetween, corresponding to the conditioning drill.

In some exemplary embodiments, analysis markers 440 may be defined based on past metric information, by manipulating input 404 after the session of athletic activity (e.g., defining an interval in the past). In some exemplary embodiments, analysis markers 440 may be defined based on present metric information, by manipulating input 404 during the session of athletic activity (e.g., defining a beginning point in real time during the athletic activity, and then an ending point in real time). In some exemplary embodiments, analysis markers 440 may be defined based on expected future metric information or expected activity, by manipulating input 404 before the session of athletic activity (e.g., defining expected beginning and ending points in time during a planned session of athletic activity).

When defined based on expected future metric information, group monitoring device 400 can be used to coordinate the planned session of athletic activity, by scheduling intervals of particular athletic activity. For example, analysis markers 440 may define a conditioning drill to take place in the first 5 minutes of athletic activity, a strength training drill in the following 5 minutes, and a skills drill in the following 5 minutes. Group monitoring device 400 may indicate to trainer 20 when an interval is scheduled to begin and end, and when a transition between intervals is scheduled to take place, and trainer 20 may communicate this information to individuals 10. In some exemplary embodiments, base station 300 may send a signal to individual monitors 200 indicating the transition between intervals, or the beginning or end of a particular interval, and individual monitors 200 may communicate this information to individuals 10 via, for example, emitting an audible noise (e.g., via a speaker), vibrating, or providing a visual indication (e.g., via an LED or LCD display). In this way, individuals 10 can be alerted as to the start or end of a portion of athletic activity corresponding to a defined interval.

In some exemplary embodiments, to facilitate planning a session of athletic activity, display **402** may display a plan module, which may include utilities useable to plan the session of athletic activity, as depicted in, for example, FIGS. **45-51**. Display **402** may include session duration **482**, which may be manipulated by a user to define the duration of a session of athletic activity. Display **402** may display a session timeline **424**, which may indicate a timeline for a planned session of athletic activity. Trainer **20** may select points and portions of session timeline **424** in order to define intervals of athletic activity scheduled at the selected times. Such intervals of athletic activity may be scheduled for an entire team of individuals **10**, for other groups of individuals **10**, or for single individuals **10**. In an exemplary embodiment, depicted, for example, in FIG. **45**, intervals of athletic activity are scheduled for groups of individuals **10**, and these groups are displayed with their own timelines **478**. In some exemplary embodiments, timelines **478** are aligned with session timeline **424** such that, upon selection of a point on session timeline **424**, or upon occurrence of a time corresponding to the point, a line or other indicator **494** extends to corresponding points on timelines **478**, as depicted in, for example, FIG. **46**. In some exemplary embodiments, plan module may include utilities useable to schedule multiple sessions of athletic activity, as depicted in, for example, FIGS. **50** and **51**.

Various parameters can be defined in association with a planned session of athletic activity and/or the intervals thereof, including, for example, markers, training targets and alerts, as well as intensity levels. In some exemplary embodiments, such parameters can be defined by selection using options and/or menus **480**, as depicted in, for example, FIGS. **45-47**, selection of which may trigger display of a training target and alert window **486**, as depicted in, for example, FIG. **49**. Training target and alert window **486** may allow selection of a metric (e.g., heart rate, power, speed), and definition of training or alert zones relative to a percentage of a maximum value for the metric. Training target and alert window **486** may also allow for definition of training or alert zones bounded by definite values of the metric. In some exemplary embodiments, markers **440** defined in association with a planned session of athletic activity may be displayed on session timeline **424** during the session of athletic activity, as depicted in, for example, FIG. **42E**. Display **402** may be configured to allow modification, addition, or deletion of such markers **440** by trainer **20** during the session of athletic activity.

In some exemplary embodiments, such parameters (e.g., markers, training targets, alerts, intensity levels) can be defined by selection of a point on timeline **478**, as depicted in, for example, FIG. **47**. In some exemplary embodiments, such selection of a point on timeline **478** may trigger display of options and/or menus **481** for input of markers, training targets, alerts, and/or intensity levels associated with a point in time or interval corresponding to the selected point. In some exemplary embodiments, such selection of a point on timeline **478** may trigger a window for input of an alert or marker associated with the point in time or interval corresponding to the selected point.

In some exemplary embodiments, as depicted in, for example, FIG. **48**, display **402** displays an edit activity window **484**, which includes options and inputs facilitating defining of various aspects of an activity associated with an interval of a session of athletic activity. Various activities (e.g., drills, games, tests, training components) may be stored in a database (e.g., base station database **316**, or a memory included in group monitoring device **400**). Edit activity window **484** may allow a user to search for an activity by choos-

ing a training component (e.g., warm up, drills, competition), choosing an intensity level (e.g., low, medium, high), and choosing the number of players involved. Edit activity window **484** may provide results showing activities matching the input search criteria. Edit activity window **484** may provide an option to assign the resultant activities to individuals **10** or groups thereof, and to choose coaches or trainers **20** to manage the assigned activities. Edit activity window may also allow association of such an activity with a time and duration, thereby scheduling an interval of the session of athletic activity. Such activities may be designated by markers **440**, which may be displayed on session timeline **424** during the session of athletic activity, as depicted in, for example, FIG. **42E**. Such activities may be designated prior to a session of athletic activity (e.g., using a plan module of group monitoring device **400**), during a session of athletic activity, or after a session of athletic activity.

In some exemplary embodiments, as depicted in, for example, FIG. **50**, display **402** may display a calendar **488** representing sessions of athletic activity and intervals thereof that are scheduled for a set time period (e.g., one week, one month, five days, one day). The displayed time period may be defined by a user. Display **402** may display sessions of athletic activity and intervals thereof scheduled for the past, present, and/or future. In some exemplary embodiments, the types of sessions of athletic activity and intervals thereof displayed may be filtered according to criteria input or selected by a user. In some embodiments, sessions of athletic activity can be scheduled via a device (e.g., group monitoring device **400**, analysis device **600**, a remote computer) in communication with base station **300**. In some embodiments, sessions of athletic activity can be scheduled in a training calendar, such as, for example, calendar **488**. In some embodiments, athletic events (e.g., games, performances, competitions) can be scheduled in the training calendar. In some embodiments, a training program (e.g., multiple training sessions) can be scheduled in the training calendar. In some embodiments, group monitoring system **100** may suggest (e.g., via group monitoring device **400**) scheduling for a training program, based around events already scheduled (e.g., group monitoring system may suggest an easy training activity the day before a competition scheduled in the training calendar, or a day of no training following a race scheduled in the training calendar).

In some exemplary embodiments, as depicted in, for example, FIG. **51**, selection of a particular time period displayed in calendar **488** (e.g., a particular day), may trigger display of a detailed view of scheduled events for the selected time period. For example, a detailed schedule window **490** may display an overall session of athletic activity scheduled for the selected time period, as well as intervals of the session of athletic activity and their characteristics (e.g., type of interval, applicability of interval to particular groups or individuals **10**, beginning and end times of interval, description of activities to be performed during interval, location of interval).

In some exemplary embodiments, as depicted in, for example, FIG. **52**, display **402** displays a session list **492**, which may depict a list of scheduled sessions of athletic activity, as well as intervals of athletic activity associated therewith. Session list **492** may display sessions of athletic activity scheduled for times that have passed, scheduled for the present (e.g., the present time or day), and scheduled for the future.

In some exemplary embodiments, display **402** may display a session control monitor **452**, which may provide information relating to a past, ongoing, or future session of athletic

activity, as depicted in, for example, FIGS. 42A and 42B. When used during a session of athletic activity, session control monitor 452 may help trainer 20 facilitate the session, by, in addition to providing information about individuals 10, by providing a session information feature 454, as depicted in, for example, Figures and 42A and 42F. Session information feature 454 may provide information about, for example, a present interval of athletic activity. In some exemplary embodiments, session information feature 454 may include a diagram 456 depicting intended movement of individuals 10 during, for example, a particular play or other strategic action. In some exemplary embodiments, session information feature 454 may include description 458 of, for example, a particular play or other strategic action. In some exemplary embodiments, session information feature 454 may include a schedule 460 of, for example, past and/or upcoming intervals of athletic activity.

In some exemplary embodiments, selection of an entry in schedule 460 may trigger display of a session information feature 454 related to that entry, as depicted in, for example, FIG. 42F. Session timeline 424 may include information displayed in schedule 460, such that selection of a point on session timeline may trigger display of information relevant to that point in the session (e.g., time selected, interval of athletic activity scheduled for time selected). Such information may be displayed in, for example, a timeline information window 476, as depicted in, for example, FIGS. 42C and 42D. This information can be useful to trainer 20 to facilitate an ongoing session of athletic activity, and can be defined in advance of the session of athletic activity. In some exemplary embodiments, information in session information feature 454 can be defined after, and applied to, a past session of athletic activity, and can be used, for example, to help trainer 20 analyze the past session.

In some exemplary embodiments, as depicted in, for example, FIG. 54, display 402 includes a status icon 496 that, when selected, triggers display of a status menu 498. Status menu 498 may display information about the statuses of various components of group monitoring system 100. Status menu 498 may include information about, for example, the battery life remaining in group monitoring device 400 or base station 300, the connectivity and/or signal strength between group monitoring device 400 and base station 300, the connectivity and/or signal strength between group monitoring device 400 and the Internet or other network, and the number of individuals connected to base station 300.

In some embodiments, individual monitor 200 and/or object monitor 250 each includes a position module 216 for determining data indicative of the location of individual monitor 200 and/or object monitor 250 (and thus the location of individual 10 carrying individual monitor 200 and/or sports object 40 carrying object monitor 250). In some embodiments, display 402 of group monitoring device 400 depicts the location of individuals 10 and/or sports objects 40, based on the data indicative of the location of individual monitor 200 and/or object monitor 250.

In some embodiments, such depiction of the location of individuals 10 and/or sports objects 40 may be in the form of a graphical representation such as, for example, a map (e.g., a map of the playing field on which individuals 10 and/or objects 40 are located, showing the locations of individuals 10 and/or objects 40 in relation to features of the playing field such as, for example, boundary lines and goals). For example, FIG. 17 includes location component 412 showing the location of individuals 10 and a sports object 40 on playing field 30, where individuals 10 are represented by their identifying numbers. Depiction of individuals 10 and/or sports object 40

with respect to features of the playing field can be helpful to a viewer of display 402 (e.g., a referee or official charged with overseeing the athletic activity) to monitor the activity (e.g., to determine whether an individual 10 traveled outside a boundary line, or whether a ball entered a goal zone).

In some embodiments, display 402 of group monitoring device 400 depicts the present locations of individuals 10 and/or sports objects 40. In some embodiments, display 402 of group monitoring device 400 depicts past locations of individuals 10 and/or sports objects 40 (e.g., replays display of the locations). In some embodiments display 402 of group monitoring device 400 depicts the past locations during the athletic activity. In some embodiments display 402 of group monitoring device 400 depicts the past locations after the athletic activity.

In some exemplary embodiments, display 402 of group monitoring device 400 depicts locations of individuals 10 and/or sports objects 40 simultaneously with orientations of individuals 10 and/or sports objects 40.

In some exemplary embodiments, display 402 of group monitoring device 400 displays recommendations based on metrics. For example, display 402 may display a recommendation based on location information of one or more individuals 10 (e.g., based on location information showing a concentration of individuals 10 in one area, display 402 may display a recommendation that individuals 10 spread out over the playing field). Such recommendations can be tailored as desired (e.g., to a particular situation, type of game, to play against a particular opposing team or player, to a particular situation).

In some exemplary embodiments, display 402 of group monitoring device 400 can display one or more alerts based on location information of one or more individuals 10 and/or sports objects 40. An alert may be triggered based on a determination that location(s) of one or more individuals 10 and/or sports object 40 meet an alert condition. For example, an alert may be triggered in response to a location of an individual being greater than a threshold distance from a target position, where the target position may be defined relative to, for example, a playing field or feature thereof, another individual 10, or a sports object 40. Also for example, an alert may be triggered based on a determination that there are no individuals 10 within a threshold distance of a goal (e.g., the goal area is unguarded). Also for example, an alert may be triggered based on a determination an individual 10 has crossed a boundary line (e.g., stepped out-of-bounds). Also for example, an alert may be triggered based on a determination that sports object 40 is within a goal area (e.g., a goal has been scored). Also for example, an alert may be triggered based on the character of movement of an individual 10's location (e.g., rapid alternating between faster and slower movement of an individual 10 may trigger an alert indicating that individual 10 is limping, and may be injured; minimal movement combined with orientation data showing individual 10 is prone or supine may trigger an alert indicating that individual 10 has fallen, and may be injured). Display 402 may display representations of such alerts as described herein. In some embodiments, a representation of an individual 10 to whom an active alert applies may be displayed in a different color when the alert applies than when the alert doesn't apply. In some embodiments, such an alert may itself include specific coaching advice based on the alert. For example, an alert indicating that an individual 10 is greater than a threshold distance from a target position may be accompanied by a recommendation for the individual 10 to move closer to the target position. Also for example, an alert indicating that there are no individuals 10 within a threshold distance of a particu-

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lar area (i.e., there is a “gap” in field coverage) may be accompanied by a recommendation for one or more individuals **10** to move closer to the particular area (e.g., to eliminate or reduce the size of the gap).

Also for example, an alert may be triggered based on locations of multiple individuals **10** and/or sports objects **40**. For example, an alert may be triggered where a first individual **10** is within a threshold distance from a sports object **40** (e.g., the first individual may be handling the ball), and wherein a second individual **10** is greater than a threshold distance from any opposing individual **10**. The alert may provide notification (e.g., to trainer **20**, first individual **10**) that the second individual **10** is unguarded, which may be useful (e.g., to trainer **20**, first individual **10**) to prompt consideration of whether first individual **10** should pass the ball to second individual **10**. In some embodiments, such an alert may itself include a recommendation for a strategic play, or for a modification to a current strategy (e.g., a calculated “best play,” or a new target location for one or more individuals **10**, given the known metrics, including location information). For example, the alert may provide a recommendation that the ball be passed from the first individual **10** to the second individual **10**. Such alerts can be defined and tailored to any desired game situation, in order to facilitate analysis and speed decision-making during an athletic activity.

In some embodiments, display **402** of group monitoring device **400** depicts the path of one or more individuals **10** or sports objects **40**. The path may be a curve tracing past locations of the one or more individuals **10** or sports objects **40** on a map of the playing field. The displayed path may be static (i.e., displaying the curve for a period of time with a defined beginning and end) or dynamic (e.g., displaying the curve for a period of time where either or both of the beginning and end is dependent on, for example, the current time). In depicting the path of one or more individuals **10** or sports objects **40**, display **402** may show the position of the one or more individuals **10** or sports objects **40** as a function of time.

In some exemplary embodiments, as depicted in, for example, FIGS. 73-77, display **402** includes a heat map **415**, which may provide a visual indication of time spent by one or more individual **10** in areas of the playing field. Such visual indication may include colored areas of a representation of the playing field that correspond to areas where individual **10** has spent more time, colored differently than colored areas of the representation of the playing field that correspond to areas where individual **10** has spent less time. In some embodiments (see, e.g., FIG. 73), heat map **415** may represent a single individual **10**. In some embodiments (see, e.g., FIGS. 74-77), heat map **415** may represent multiple individuals **10**, where visual indications of time spent by different individuals **10** are represented by different colors, or where individuals **10** on one team are represented by the same color while individuals **10** from an opposing team are represented by a different color. In some embodiments, heat map **415** may represent one or more sports objects **40** similarly as described with respect to individuals **10**. In some embodiments, where individual **10** is wearing a garment having an illuminable area, the illuminable area may illuminate in a color corresponding to the color used to represent individual **10** on display **402** (e.g., on heat map **415**).

Alternatively or additionally, heat map **415** may provide a visual indication of, for example, areas of the playing field where player **10** performed a certain type of activity (e.g., running, jumping), areas of the playing field where player **10** had a metric value above or below a threshold value, or areas of the playing field where player **10** had possession of or contact with a sports object (e.g., a ball). In some embodi-

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ments, heat map **415** may provide a visual indication of, for example, optimum positioning of one or more players **10** the playing field.

In some embodiments, display **402** of group monitoring device **400** depicts the location of an individual **10** or sports object **40** with respect to some other feature (which may be, for example, another individual **10** or sports object **40**, or a point or the playing field). Such depiction can take the form of a distance measurement between (i.e., magnitude of separation of) the individual **10** or sports object **40** and the other feature, which may be represented, for example, as a history of the separation (e.g., a graph showing time v. separation) or as an integral map (e.g., a histogram) of the separation over a set period.

The various depictions of locations of individuals **10** and/or sports objects **40** can help a viewer (e.g., trainer **20**, individual **10**) to analyze plays made during a session of athletic activity. For example, the depictions may be useful in facilitating tactical training or strategy development, by facilitating design and monitoring of pre-planned plays, or the analysis of successful or failed plays to seek areas for improvement. Also for example, the depictions may be useful to determine the extent of separation between two individuals **10** with the same role on a team (e.g., two fullbacks), to optimize their coverage of the playing field (e.g., to ensure that the two fullbacks maintained at least a threshold separation during a game in order to ensure that areas of the field were not left undefended). Also for example, the depictions may be useful to analyze the effect of positioning of individuals **10** on game events, including the outcome of the game (e.g., the distance and frequency with which a fullback strayed from the corner of the penalty box, or the distances between the two fullbacks and the goalkeeper can be analyzed at key points, like when a goal against has been scored, to help identify and improve sub-optimal positioning and to help prevent future goals against from being scored). Also for example, the depictions may be useful to determine possession or change thereof (e.g., a successful pass) of a sports object **40** (e.g., ball) by an individual **10** (e.g., by identifying separation between the individual **10** and sports object **40** below a threshold distance for a threshold period of time).

Exemplary embodiments of the present invention may include data flows such as that shown in FIG. 12, which depicts a data flow including a real-time monitoring flow **950**, a post-session data integrity flow **960**, and a post-session analysis flow **970**. At box **902** of FIG. 12, data processing module **304** of base station **300** assigns encryption keys to each individual monitor **200** (also referred to as a “player pod”), and each individual monitor **200** is connected to sensors **202**. At box **904**, sensors **202** determine raw data indicative of characteristics of a monitored individual **10** (data indicative of, e.g., physiological characteristics, performance characteristics, position characteristics, and/or orientation characteristics). At box **906**, sensors **202** send the raw data to individual monitor **200** via a wired or wireless connection. At box **908**, individual monitor **200** transmits the data to data reception module **302** of base station **300** via a wireless connection, in real time. At box **942**, cameras (e.g., camera monitoring system **700**, video feed camera **804**) determine image data. At box **944**, the cameras send the image data to data reception module **302** of base station **300**.

At box **910**, data reception module **302** of base station **300** writes the data to a file. At box **912**, data reception module **302** of base station **300** sends the file to data processing module **304** of base station **300**. At box **914**, data processing module **304** of base station **300** validates and decrypts the data. At box **916**, data processing module **304** of base station **300** stores

the decrypted data in base station database 316. At box 918, logic module 312 of base station 300 accesses the decrypted data and, using algorithms, determines metrics and alerts. At box 920, logic module 312 of base station 300 sends the metrics to web server module 314 of base station 300. At box 922, web server module 314 of base station 300 sends the metrics to live monitoring devices 400.

At box 924, logic module 312 of base station 300 stores the metrics and alerts in base station database 316. At box 926 individual monitors 200 are connected to base station 300 via a wired connection and upload data to data reception module 302 of base station 300. At box 928, data reception module 302 of base station 300 writes the data to a file. At box 930, data reception module 302 of base station 300 sends the file to data processing module 304 of base station 300. At box 932, data processing module 304 of base station 300 validates and decrypts the data. At box 934, data processing module 304 of base station 300 performs data filtering (e.g., data de-duplication) if necessary, and stores the decrypted data in base station database 316. At box 936, central sync module 310 of base station 300 accesses and sends decrypted data, metrics, and alerts (“session data”) to web server system 500. At box 930, web server system 500 stores the session data in web server database 502 of web server system 500. At box 940, web server system 500 sends the session data to analysis devices 600.

In an exemplary embodiment, display 402 of group monitoring device 400 shows a system view dashboard (see, for example, the exemplary display 402 of FIGS. 61-64 and 67). In some embodiments the system view dashboard may simultaneously display identification information and statuses of one or more system components (e.g., sensors 202, individual monitors 200, object monitors 250, base stations 300, group monitoring devices 400, web server systems 500, analysis devices 600, camera monitoring systems 700). In some embodiments the system view dashboard may simultaneously display identification information and statuses of one or more system components and of one or more objects 40 and/or individuals 10 participating in an athletic activity and associated with a monitor 200, 250. Further, the system view dashboard may simultaneously display statuses of system components, individuals 10, and/or sports objects 40 along with metrics of individuals 10 and/or sports objects 40.

Operating conditions displayed by display 402 may include indications of statuses of system components and/or alerts (e.g., performance alerts of individuals 10 and system alerts of system components). Display 402 may display related identification information (e.g. name 406 and/or jersey number 408 of individuals 10, and unique identifier 409 of monitors 200, 250). The operating conditions shown in the system view dashboard can be configured as desired (e.g., to be the statuses most applicable or most beneficial to trainer 20). Presentation of the operating conditions can be configured as desired. For example, operating conditions can be displayed as alerts (e.g., indications of whether or not an alert has been triggered), graphic representations of a status (e.g., bar graphs, pie charts), or numeric representations of a status (e.g., absolute values, percentage values).

Operating conditions displayed by display 402 may include statuses and/or alerts for any system component. In some embodiments, a system view dashboard may display indications of, for example, remaining battery power of a battery of base station 300 and/or monitors 200, 250; the number of monitors 200, 250 docked with and/or charging at base station 300; GPS signal status at monitors 200, 250 and/or base station 300; proper operation of monitors 200, 250 and/or base station 300; proper placement of monitors

200, 250 and/or base station 300; proper placement of sensors 202 (e.g., proper fit of sensor garment 204).

In the exemplary display 402 of FIG. 61, a system view dashboard provides an indication of GPS signal status at individual monitors 200. The GPS signal status is displayed as a system alert that indicates whether the GPS signal strength at each individual monitor 200 is above or below a predetermined system alert threshold. Also in FIG. 61, an indication of heart rate status of individuals 10 is provided. The heart rate status is displayed as a performance alert that indicates whether the heart rate of each individual 10 is above or below a predetermined threshold. Also in FIG. 61, an indication of inertia status of individuals 10 is provided. The inertia status is displayed as a performance alert that indicates whether the inertia of each individual 10 is above or below a predetermined threshold. Also in FIG. 61, an indication of connectivity status (e.g., strength of communication signal) of individual monitors 200 is provided. The connectivity status is displayed as a graphic that indicates provides a visual representation of the communication signal strength at each individual monitor 200. Also in FIG. 61, an indication of remaining battery power of a battery (e.g., battery 212) of individual monitors 200 is provided. The remaining battery power is displayed numerically as a percentage of battery power capacity. Also in FIG. 61, an indication of remaining amount of data received by base station 300 from each individual monitor 200 is provided. The amount of data received is displayed numerically as a percentage of total data sent (or expected to have been sent) by each individual monitor 200.

In some embodiments, statuses can be simultaneously displayed as a numerical value and a system alert. For example, remaining battery power can be displayed as a numerical value, as described above, and can be simultaneously displayed as a system alert that indicates whether the remaining battery power of individual monitors 200 is above or below a predetermined threshold. For example, the numerical value for battery power of an individual monitor 200 below the predetermined threshold may be displayed in a different color than numerical values for battery power of individual monitors 200 having battery power above the predetermined threshold. Display 402 of FIG. 61 depicts statuses of individual monitors 200, however, the depiction of the statuses described with reference to FIG. 61 can be applied to any system component (e.g., sensors 202, individual monitors 200, object monitors 250, base stations 300, group monitoring devices 400, web server systems 500, analysis devices 600).

In the exemplary display 402 of FIG. 62, a system view dashboard provides an indication of whether a battery (e.g., battery 212) of each individual monitor 200 is charging. Also in FIG. 62, an indication of available space of a memory (e.g., memory 228) of individual monitors 200 is provided. The available space is displayed numerically as a percentage of memory capacity. Also in FIG. 62, an indication of the current firmware version of individual monitors 200 is provided. Also in FIG. 62, an indication of the target firmware version for individual monitors 200 is provided. Display 402 of FIG. 62 depicts statuses of individual monitors 200, however, the depiction of the statuses described with reference to FIG. 62 can be applied to any system component (e.g., sensors 202, individual monitors 200, object monitors 250, base stations 300, group monitoring devices 400, web server systems 500, analysis devices 600, camera monitoring systems 70).

In the exemplary display 402 of FIG. 63, a system view dashboard provides an indication of a serial number of each individual monitor 200. Display 402 of FIG. 63 depicts statuses of individual monitors 200, however, the depiction of

the statuses described with reference to FIG. 63 can be applied to any system component (e.g., sensors 202, individual monitors 200, object monitors 250, base stations 300, group monitoring devices 400, web server systems 500, analysis devices 600, camera monitoring systems 700).

In the exemplary display 402 of FIG. 64, a system view dashboard provides an indication of a synchronization status of each individual monitor 200. Display 402 of FIG. 64 depicts statuses of individual monitors 200, however, the depiction of the statuses described with reference to FIG. 64 can be applied to any system component (e.g., sensors 202, individual monitors 200, object monitors 250, base stations 300, group monitoring devices 400, web server systems 500, analysis devices 600, camera monitoring systems 700).

In the exemplary display 402 of FIG. 67, a system view dashboard provides an indication of a GPS signal status of base station 300, an indication of remaining battery power of a battery of base station 300, and an indication of the charging status of the battery of base station 300. In the exemplary display 402 of FIG. 65, such statuses of base station 300 are shown before commencement of a session of athletic activity, simultaneously with a selectable option to begin the session. Alternatively, these and other statuses of base station 300 and other system components may be displayed at any other time.

In some embodiments, a system view dashboard may provide an indication of how many individual monitors 200 (and/or object monitors 250) are docked at base station 300.

In some embodiments, a system view dashboard may provide an indication of whether a system component (e.g., individual monitor 200) is operating properly. For example, a system component (e.g., individual monitor 200, base station 300) may receive data from another system component that is outside accepted ranges for normal operation (e.g., individual monitor 200 may transmit metric data to base station 300 that indicates physical activity of a monitored individual 10 that is beyond the physical capabilities of a human). In some embodiments, a system view dashboard may provide an alert to indicate that a system component is not operating properly.

In some embodiments, where individual monitor 200 includes a sensor garment (e.g., sensor garment 204), a system view dashboard may provide an indication of whether sensor garment 204 properly fits an individual 10 wearing sensor garment 204. For example, where sensor garment includes sensors (e.g., heart rate monitor electrodes, respiration sensor) intended to be positioned at areas of the wearer's body well-suited to gather data (e.g., about a chest area), poor data collection by those sensors (e.g., a weak heart or respiration signal) may indicate that sensor garment 204 does not fit individual 10 wearing sensor garment 204 (e.g., the sensors may not be positioned at the optimum areas, because sensor garment 204 was sized for a smaller or larger person than individual 10). In some embodiments, a system view dashboard may provide an alert to indicate that sensor garment 204 does not properly fit individual 10 wearing sensor garment 204.

In some embodiments, a system view dashboard provides an indication of whether a system component (e.g., individual monitor 200) is properly placed (e.g., in and/or maintaining a proper orientation). For example, a system component (e.g., individual monitor 200, base station 300) may receive data sensed by sensors 202 of individual monitor 200 that may have characteristics that do not correspond to characteristics expected were the individual monitor 200 in a proper orientation (e.g., acceleration due to gravity may be sensed by individual monitor 200 in a relative "up" direction, which may indicate that the individual monitor 200 is oriented upside-down; or acceleration signals may change orientation

erratically, which may indicate that the individual monitor 200 is not being maintained in a constant orientation with respect individual 10, which may indicate undesirable movement of the individual monitor 200 within a restraining component, such as a pocket). In some embodiments, a system view dashboard may provide an alert to indicate that an individual monitor 200 is not properly placed.

In some embodiments, a status and/or system alert is displayed (e.g., via group monitoring device 400) in response to a system alert being triggered (e.g., when the status has passed a system alert threshold, such as, for example, remaining battery power below a threshold percentage of capacity, or GPS signal strength below a threshold level). In some exemplary embodiments, new system alerts, and/or statuses related thereto, can be indicated by, for example, a flashing icon or a temporary pop-up box.

In some exemplary embodiments, system components having an active alert (e.g., performance alert or system alert) associated therewith (e.g., associated with the component itself or with its associated individual 10 or sports object 40) can provide an alert indication by for example, emitting an audible noise (e.g., via a speaker), vibrating, or providing a visual indication (e.g., via an illuminated LED or LCD display). In some exemplary embodiments, a system component may send a signal to a device connected thereto (such as, for example, a garment, watch, or band) to cause the connected device to provide such an alert indication. The device may include, and provide the alert indication via, for example, a display, illuminable area, speaker, or vibration module (e.g., integrated into the sleeve of a garment, or face of a watch).

For example, group monitoring system 100 may include a garment (e.g., sensor garment 204, which may be, for example, a shirt) including an illuminable area. The illuminable area may illuminate in response to the active alert (e.g., in the form of a color or graphic corresponding to or simply indicating the presence of the active alert). For example, an alert may be triggered, and an individual 10's shirt may illuminate, in response to a determination that the individual 10 achieved the most recent goal or greatest number of goals during an athletic activity, compared to other individuals 10 participating in the activity, or in response to a determination that the individual 10 is the most recent individual 10 to have had contact with a ball (e.g., sports object 40). Alternatively or additionally, an illuminable area in a garment worn by individual 10 may provide a visual indication (e.g., may illuminate) of, for example, performance by individual 10 of a certain type of activity (e.g., running, jumping), a metric value of individual 10 being above or below a threshold value, possession of or contact with a sports object (e.g., a ball) by individual 10, or optimum or acceptable placement of individual 10 the playing field.

Group monitoring system 100 can include any suitable number of components such as individual monitors 200, object monitors 250, base stations 300, group monitoring devices 400, or analysis devices 600. In an exemplary embodiment, group monitoring system includes 30 individual monitors 200, 1 object monitor 250, 1 base station 300, and 2 group monitoring devices 400.

In some embodiments, multiple teams (including competing teams) can use the same base station 300, each team having one or more individuals 10 monitored by an individual monitor 200. In some embodiments where multiple teams use the same base station, base station 300 may be configured to restrict access to data relating to a first team to only those accessing devices (e.g., group monitoring devices 400, analysis devices 600) that are associated with the first team (thereby blocking access to a second team, which may be in

competition with the first team). In some embodiments, base station 300 may be configured to provide access to data from more than one team to other parties (i.e., non-team parties). For example, base station 300 may be configured to provide access to data relating to one or more teams to television 5 broadcasters or web services (e.g., to enable them to compare or otherwise analyze statistics or to present statistics to viewers or fans), or to referees or other sporting event staff (e.g., to facilitate conducting a sporting event, including making game-related rulings).

After completion of a session of athletic activity, individuals 10 may dock their individual monitors 200 in one of docking ports 318 of base station 300. When docked with docking port 318, batteries 212 of individual monitors 200 can be charged, and data can be transferred from individual monitors 200 to base station 300. As noted above, individual monitors 200 store sensed data and also transfer sensed data wirelessly to base station 300 during an athletic activity. In order to most efficiently use bandwidth, data may be transferred wirelessly during the athletic activity at a lower resolution than it is sensed and stored in individual monitors 200. Due to communication errors, some data may not be transmitted successfully from individual monitors 200 to base station 300 (e.g., if an individual moves out of range of base station 300). Thus, the data stored in individual monitors 200 at the conclusion of a session of athletic activity may be more complete or accurate than the data stored in base station database 316.

In some exemplary embodiments, data can be transferred from individual monitor 200 to base station 300 at full resolution (i.e., raw data) and stored in base station database 316 (and/or web server database 502, once transferred thereto) at full resolution as well. Storing such raw data for each individual 10 for each session may be useful for subsequent data analysis, for example to perform recalculations of metrics or calculations of new and different metrics using new and different algorithms.

In some exemplary embodiments, data and metrics can be stored in a general database (e.g., a database shared by several of the systems described herein, or a general sports database for individuals).

While docked in docking ports 318 of base station 300, individual monitors 200 can directly transmit their stored data to data processing module 304 (via data reception module 302). Data processing module 304 can then filter the data received from individual monitors (e.g., data processing module 304 can perform a de-duplication process on the data to avoid storing duplicate data in base station database 316) and store the data in base station database 316.

In some exemplary embodiments, base station 300 includes a central sync module 310. Central sync module 310 of base station 300 can communicate through an Internet connection with a web server system 500, web server system 500 being external to base station 300. If base station 300 is connected to the Internet via an Ethernet (or other wired) connection, such communication can take place over the Ethernet (or other wired) connection. If base station 300 is not connected to the Internet via an Ethernet (or other wired) connection, communication can take place wirelessly, for example over a cellular network (e.g., GSM broad band 2.50 or 30). Central sync module 310 includes data upload and download capabilities for uploading session data about a monitored athletic activity, or diagnostic information about base station 300 and other components, and to download user data such as, for example, updated firmware to be installed in individual monitors 200 via docking port 240, or updated software for use in base station 300. Central sync module 310

can upload data stored in base station database 316 to web server system 500. Such data may include data, metrics, and alerts generated during the athletic activity. When receiving such data, web server system may store it in a web server database 502.

Web server system 500 can render display code (such as, for example, html5 compliant code) based on a request from a client device such as, for example, analysis device 600. Web server system 500 can also serve a security function, by ensuring that a requesting client device is properly authenticated and that all data is passed using https. Web server system 500 may provide analysis device 600 with requested metrics and generated alerts stored in web server database 502, via, for example, an API layer. Web server system 500 may include one or more servers, which may receive, store, and/or provide data to one or more remote devices (e.g., analysis device 600).

One or more servers of web server system 500 may receive, store, and/or provide all or a subset of metrics from base station 300. Some servers may be configured to receive, store, and provide metrics different from those metrics received, stored, and provided by other servers. In some embodiments, servers of web server system 500 may be configured to allow different levels of access for different types of accessing devices and/or for different permissions associated with an accessing device. Servers of web server system 500 may provide data (including metrics and operating conditions of system components as described herein) to a variety of accessing devices for a variety of uses.

For example, web server system 500 may provide data to general personal computing devices (e.g., to provide an Internet-connected database for public use). Also for example, web server system 500 may provide data to on-site display systems (e.g., to communicate data to spectators at the monitored event using displays at the event). Also for example, web server system 500 may provide data to media coverage devices (e.g., to communicate data to television or Internet viewers of media coverage of the monitored event). Also for example, web server system 500 may provide data to smartphones or other personal portable devices (e.g., to communicate data to users of such devices through application interfaces, or “apps”).

Also for example, web server system 500 may provide data to secondary servers. For example, such secondary servers may communicate data to viewers of a website in association with the website—or advertisements presented thereon—provided by secondary server. Also for example, such secondary servers may communicate data to players of a videogame in association with the videogame provided by the secondary server.

Also for example, web server system 500 may provide data to a social networking service (including a social networking website). Monitored individual 10 may have an account with such social networking service. Such data may be provided, for example, via secondary servers as described herein. Such social networking service may access such data relating to monitored individual 10 to associate it with the account of the monitored individual 10. In some embodiments, representations of such data (including metrics related to performance of individual 10) may be displayed in association with social networking account information of individual 10 (e.g., on a profile page for individual 10, in comparison with similar data associated with the accounts of others on the social networking site). Such a social networking service may accept individual data or team data, and may provide an interface for individuals or teams to communicate with each other and share their data. For example, individuals or teams can share

coaching recommendations, experiences, or training plans based on their data. Also for example, individuals or teams can schedule meeting or games with other individuals or teams, and may rely on shared data to help identify appropriate individuals or teams with which to compete (e.g., teams or individuals with comparable abilities). In some embodiments, such data can be relied upon to determine a handicap of one team or individual compared to another team or individual, thereby facilitating competition between teams or individuals with non-comparable abilities.

Also for example, such secondary servers may provide data to a retail service. For example, products or services (including, e.g., training plans, apparel, awards, equipment, personal training) may be available or not available to a monitored individual **10** based on data relating to the monitored individual **10**. Also for example, products or services may be promoted or not promoted to a monitored individual **10** based on data relating to the monitored individual **10**. In other words, availability and promotion of products and services may be based on personal attributes or performance of individual **10**. For example, availability and promotion of products and services may be based on the individual **10**'s membership in or association with a particular team, the individual **10**'s overall past monitored performance, the individual **10**'s performance in the individual **10**'s most recent athletic activity, alerts triggered by the individual **10**, or the type of sport(s) played by the individual **10**. Such a retail service may be provided in any suitable medium, for example, as a standalone website, in association with a website (e.g., a social networking website as described above), within an app, or within any of the dashboards described herein.

Also for example, such secondary servers may communicate data to an advertising service. For example, products or services may be advertised to a monitored individual **10** based on data relating to the monitored individual **10**. In other words, advertisement of products and services may be based on personal attributes or performance of individual **10**. For example, advertisement of products and services may be based on the individual **10**'s membership in or association with a particular team, the individual **10**'s overall past monitored performance, the individual **10**'s performance in the individual **10**'s most recent athletic activity, alerts triggered by the individual **10**, or the type of sport(s) played by the individual **10**. Such an advertising service may be provided in any suitable medium, for example, as a standalone website, in association with a website (e.g., a social networking website as described above), within an app, or within any of the dashboards described herein.

Also for example, web server system **500** may provide data to a voting or wagering website or service (e.g., via secondary servers as described herein). In some embodiments, such voting or wagering website or service may access such data relating to monitored individuals **10**, and may provide an interface for users of the website or service to vote for individuals **10** to receive accolades or other recognition (e.g., a most valuable player award), based on the user's review of provided data. In some embodiments, such voting or wagering website or service may provide an interface for users of the website or service to make predictions or place wagers on game events (e.g., which team will win, how many points the winning team will win by) and/or future metrics of individuals **10** (e.g., that Player A will achieve a heart rate of 170 beats per minute by halftime), based on the user's review of provided data.

Also for example, web server system **500** may provide data to a gaming device. Such a gaming device may be, for

example, a videogame console or a device otherwise having gaming capabilities (e.g., a (smart)phone with game software/apps). In some embodiments, the data provided by web server system **500** may be used to unlock gameplay features.

For example, where a player of the videogame is a monitored individual **10**, metrics based on past real-world performance of the player of the videogame can be compared by the game console to targets for those metrics, and if the targets are met, a previously locked feature of the game (e.g., a virtual player to virtually play the game as, or a virtual stadium to virtually play the game at) may be unlocked and made available to the player of the videogame. In some embodiments, the data provided by web server system **500** may be used to affect the performance of a virtual player corresponding to a monitored individual **10**, to correspond the virtual performance of the virtual player with the actual performance of the monitored individual **10**. Such monitored individual **10** may be the player of the videogame, and/or may be one or more other individuals (e.g., individuals corresponding to videogame console-controlled virtual representations of such individuals, which may be the virtual player controlled by the player of the videogame, or virtual teammates or opponents thereof). In this way, the player of the videogame can control a virtual player having virtual capabilities corresponding to the real-world capabilities of the player of the videogame or another player (e.g., a famous player represented in the videogame), and virtual teammates or opponents thereof can similarly have virtual capabilities corresponding to those of real-world counterparts. In some embodiments, the data provided by web server system **500** may be used to produce a virtual reproduction of actual play of monitored individuals **10** during a session of athletic activity.

Also for example, web server **500** may provide data to a training device (e.g., a display device configured to facilitate training of a trainee). Such training device may be, for example, a personal computer running a software program to schedule and track training progress of the trainee, or a portable device carried by the trainee while training, such as, for example, a sports watch. The training device may be in communication with sensors (such as, for example, sensors described herein) to monitor the trainee during training. The training device may access data via web server **500** (or in some embodiments, from base station **300** directly) to compare metrics of the trainee's performance with metrics downloaded from web server **500** (or base station **300**). A representation of such comparison can be provided to the trainee in real-time during training, or after completion of a training session. Such comparison can be based on downloaded metrics of the trainee himself (in the case where trainee was a monitored individual **10**) or of a different monitored individual **10**.

Access to data from web server **500** may be licensed and provided to third parties (e.g., via secondary servers). For example, media outlets (television stations, newspapers, Internet blogs) and medical researchers may be provided licensed access to data from web server **500**, and such access may be limited based on the scope of licensed access. For example, only access to a particular individual **10** or group of individual **10**, or to particular type(s) of data (e.g., heart rate data, speed data) may be granted.

Data provided by web server system **500** may be presented in any manner as described herein, subject to limitations of the device used for such presentation (e.g., a user accessing such data via a smartphone or computer may interact with the device to change the data represented, or the mode of presentation, while a viewer of a media broadcast may not have the ability to interact with the data, and may simply view the data

presented). Presentation of data about monitored individuals **10** engaged in an athletic activity to non-participants (e.g., spectators, fans) may help promote engagement in the athletic activity by the non-participants. In some embodiments, non-participants can be prompted to vote or wager on results of an athletic activity (e.g., via an interface of a remote device in communication with web server system **500**), on the basis of information provided via web server system **500**.

As described herein, base station **300** can receive data from monitors (e.g., monitors **200**, **250**), store such data, and make such data available to remote devices (e.g., group monitoring device **400**, analysis device **600**). In some embodiments, multiple base stations **300** may be provided (e.g., a first base station **300** and a second base station **300**), and one base station **300** (e.g., a first base station **300**) may be configured to receive, store, and provide metrics (e.g., a first set of metrics indicative of the performance of individuals **10**) different from those metrics (e.g., a second set of metrics indicative of the performance of individuals **10**) received, stored, and provided by another base stations **300** (e.g., a second base station **300**).

In some embodiments, base station(s) **300** may be configured to allow different levels of access for different types of accessing devices and/or for different permissions associated with an accessing device (e.g., a first base station **300** may be configured to send a first set of metrics to a first remote device, while a second base station **300** may be configured to send a second, different, set of metrics to a second remote device). Base station(s) **300** may provide stored data (including metrics and operating conditions of system components as described herein) to a variety of accessing devices for a variety of uses, including those described herein with respect to web server system **500**.

In embodiments where group monitoring system **100** includes multiple base stations **300**, remote devices may be configurable to select which base station(s) to send and/or receive data from. For example, a settings page may be displayed (e.g., via display **402** of group monitoring device **400**) which may allow selection of different base stations (see, e.g., FIG. **68**).

A remote device (analysis device **600**) is depicted in FIG. **10** and includes a display **602** and an input **604**. In an exemplary embodiment, analysis device **600** is a tablet computing-style device (such as a tablet personal computer or an iPad®, marketed by Apple Inc.®). Analysis device **600** may be, however, any other suitable device, such as, for example, a laptop computer, a smartphone, or a personal computer. Analysis device **600** can access data in web server database **502** and display the information to a user of analysis device **600** (e.g., trainer **20**). In some embodiments, the information may be displayed using dedicated or general-purpose software (e.g., a dedicated software interface, a web browser). Although analysis device **600** and group monitoring device **400** are described separately herein, in some exemplary embodiments, group monitoring device **400** and analysis device **600** are the same device.

In some exemplary embodiments, analysis device **600** can be located at a remote location with respect to base station **300** or the relevant athletic activity, and can be used to access and display data and metrics in real time. In such an embodiment, base station **300** can transfer the data and metrics to web server **500** in real time, so that the data and metrics can be accessed for display by analysis device **600**, as described above. Such an embodiment may be useful for a user to monitor an ongoing session of athletic activity from a remote location (e.g., a trainer **20** that could not be present at a match,

or a team owner that desires to monitor a training session without physically attending the session).

After completion of a session of athletic activity, a trainer **20** may use analysis device **600** to review and analyze information about individuals **10**, including information about past performances of individuals **10** during past sessions of athletic activity. Depending on the number of past sessions of athletic activity for which data is available, and other available data in web server database **502**, post-session analysis of an individual **10** using analysis device **600** may provide trainer **20** with information spanning a longer period than the information provided during an athletic activity by group monitoring device **400**, which may facilitate long-term evaluation of individual(s) **10**. Trainer **20** may access and view the data using analysis device **600**, however, in much the same way as has been described above with respect to group monitoring device **400**. For example, analysis device **600** may be configured to display a team view dashboard, and an individual view dashboard, as described above with reference to group monitoring device **400**. Some differences applicable to some exemplary embodiments of team view dashboard and individual view dashboard of analysis device **600** include that the displayed information may not be updated in real time when using analysis device **600**, that the information displayed may span multiple sessions of athletic activity, and that alerts can be created that apply to data across multiple sessions.

Moreover, the team view dashboard and individual view dashboard of analysis device **600** may be customizable. Display components (e.g., photograph **410** of individual **10**, list of all individuals **10**, location component **412** showing a map of positions of individuals **10** on playing field, detailed charts and/or graphs **418**) can be added or removed by trainer **20** so as to create a customized view dashboard, which can be saved and referred to in the future. In some embodiments, customized view dashboards can be sent to or otherwise used by group monitoring devices **400**, thereby allowing trainer **20** to view real-time data in a custom format.

In some exemplary embodiments, analysis device **600** includes an analysis chart view that displays a detailed view of a metric, in for example, a chart format or a graph format. Trainer **20** may input desired parameters for the analysis chart view via input **604**. For example, trainer **20** may input parameters indicating that the analysis chart view should be generated to show data for all drills performed by Player A during August 2010. Alternatively, analysis device **600** may show trainer **20** a list of all data entries corresponding to the parameters input by trainer **20**, allowing trainer **20** to select the entries desired to be included in an analysis chart view. Trainer **20** may also be given the option to select a type of analysis chart view. For example, trainer **20** may be able to choose from a stacked view, where several charts or graphs, each pertaining to a different metric, are stacked one above the other; or an overlay view, where multiple metrics are displayed on a single chart or graph. In some exemplary embodiments, the overlay view allows trainer a to view data from one time period (e.g., current data or most recent data) overlaid with data from another time period (e.g., older data) to allow easy comparison of performance at different times.

In some exemplary embodiments, to facilitate analysis of one or more sessions of athletic activity, display **402** of group monitoring device **400** or display **602** of analysis device **600** may display an analysis module, which may include utilities useable to analyze the session of athletic activity, as depicted in, for example, FIG. **55**. Display **602** of analysis device **600** may display charts or graphs **618** that display metrics comparatively. For example, graph **618** may display heart rate for

an individual **10** plotted over a session of athletic activity, or any other time period. Also displayed plotted on the same graph **610** may be other metrics, for example, training impact and mechanical power of individual **10**. By plotting multiple metrics on the same graph **618**, analysis device **600** may facilitate comparison of these metrics, and may evidence a correlation that can be useful to trainer **20** in monitoring the performance of individual **10**.

In some exemplary embodiments, as depicted in, for example, FIG. **56**, display **602** of analysis device **600** may display outlier analyses **620** for comparing metric information of one or more individuals with one or more other individuals, and determining when one or more individuals have achieved a particular metric value that falls outside a baseline value. Outlier analyses **620** can be presented in a variety of ways, and can be useful in presenting data for multiple individuals **10** in a context that facilitates comparison of individuals **10**. In some exemplary embodiments, a bar graph **622** showing percentage or value above or below an average (or other baseline) for a metric may be displayed. In some exemplary embodiments, a star graph **624** showing percentage or value of a variety of metrics for one or more individuals **10** may be displayed.

In some exemplary embodiments, analysis device **600** can recalculate past data based on new algorithms, thereby refining metric calculations or defining new metrics. In some exemplary embodiments, analysis device **600** can apply new alerts to past data. Such features can be useful to trainer **20** by facilitating historical investigation and analysis of data of individuals **10**.

In some exemplary embodiments, analysis device **600** can be used by trainer **20** to predict future performance of individuals **10**. Appropriate algorithms can be applied to past data that generate predictions of data of a future session for a particular player or group. For example, if a performance trend is recognized (e.g., increasing efficiency or relative power), it can be predicted that that trend may continue in a future session of athletic activity. Trainer **20** can use this information to inform decisions regarding future sessions of athletic activity.

In some exemplary embodiments, as depicted in, for example, FIG. **57**, group monitoring device **400** may include a report module, which may include a report generator **403** that allows a user to generate reports based on data and metrics of individuals **10**. Reports can be predefined, or can be customized to generate desired information. A variety of types of reports can be generated, for example, individual player summaries, reports designed for a head coach, reports designed for a coach of a sub-group of a team (e.g., a goalie coach), daily performance update reports, injury reports, session summary reports, and team condition reports. Such reports can be presented (e.g., via display **402** of group monitoring device **400**) in real time for individuals **10** and/or sports objects **40**, or groups thereof, to compare individuals **10** and/or sports objects **40** with other individuals **10** and/or sports objects **40**.

For example, as depicted in FIGS. **58** and **59**, a daily performance update may include information regarding top performing individuals **10**. Such a daily performance update may include listings **405** showing individuals **10** that are top sprinters, are top power producers, have highest efficiency, and have top distance. In some exemplary embodiments, past reports can be saved and accessed from a past reports menu **401**. Such a daily performance update may also include a team chart **407** showing present information for a group of individuals **10** making up a team. Team chart **407** may further indicate differences in the displayed information that may

exist between the displayed information and information displayed in previous reports, thereby indicating changes in the performance of individuals **10**.

In this document, terms such as “computer-usable medium” may be used to generally refer to media such as a removable storage unit or a hard disk installed in hard disk drive. Computer-usable medium may also refer to memories, such as a main memory or a secondary memory, which can be memory semiconductors (e.g., DRAMs, etc.). These computer program products provide software to computer systems and other components of the present invention.

Computer programs (also called computer control logic) may be stored on main memory and/or secondary memory. Computer programs may also be received via a communications interface. Such computer programs, when executed, may enable computer systems of the present invention to implement embodiments described herein. Where embodiments are implemented using software, the software can be stored on a computer program product and loaded into a computer system using, for example, a removable storage drive, an interface, a hard drive, and/or communications interface.

Based on the description herein, a person skilled in the relevant art will recognize that the computer programs, when executed, can enable one or more processors to implement processes described above, such as, for example, determining, recording, and transmitting information related to individuals **10** engaged in an athletic activity, or presenting to a user of any of the herein-described displayable or audible elements (e.g., information related to individuals **10** engaged in an athletic activity). Information and/or instructions (e.g., a computer program product) for maintaining and/or rendering any module, function, or feature described herein (e.g., plan module, monitor module, analyze module, report module) may be stored in a computer-useable medium (e.g., memory or database) of any component described herein (e.g., base station **300**, individual monitors **200**, group monitoring device **400**, web server system **500**, analysis device **600**, camera monitoring system **700**, and/or video feed system **800**).

In some exemplary embodiments, the one or more processors can be part of a computing device incorporated in a clustered computing environment or server farm. In some exemplary embodiments, the computing process performed by the clustered computing environment may be carried out across multiple processors located at the same or different locations. In some exemplary embodiments, the one or more processors can be part of any of the components described herein (e.g., base station **300**, individual monitors **200**, group monitoring device **400**, web server system **500**, analysis device **600**). In some exemplary embodiments, one or more of the plan module, monitor module, analyze module, and report module may comprise, for example, an application for a device such as a smartphone, and may be configured to be downloaded in whole or in part.

Software of the present invention may be stored on any computer-usable medium. Such software, when executed in one or more data processing devices, such as, for example, any suitable component described herein (e.g., base station **300**, individual monitors **200**, group monitoring device **400**, web server system **500**, analysis device **600**) causes the data processing device to operate as described herein. Embodiments of the invention employ any computer-usable or -readable medium, known now or in the future. Examples of computer-usable mediums include, but are not limited to, primary storage devices (e.g., any type of random access or read only memory), secondary storage devices (e.g., hard drives, floppy

disks, CD ROMS, ZIP disks, tapes, magnetic storage devices, optical storage devices, MEMS, nanotechnological storage devices, memory cards or other removable storage devices, etc.), and communication mediums (e.g., wired and wireless communications networks, local area networks, wide area networks, intranets, etc.).

In some exemplary embodiments, group monitoring system **100** includes or is in communication with a camera monitoring system **700**, which may include, for example, one or more video cameras trained on playing field **30** in order to record image data (e.g., still images, video, data related thereto and/or derived therefrom) indicative of motions of individuals **10**. This image data can be transmitted to base station **300** (e.g., to data processing module **304** of base station **300**), and can be used in the determination of metrics in much the same way as described above with reference to data transmitted from individual monitors **200** and/or object monitors **250**.

In some embodiments, metrics can be determined based on image data alone, or based on image data and data derived from other sensors (e.g., sensors **202** of individual monitors **200** and/or object monitors **250**). This image data can be stored in base station database **316**, and can be transferred to web server system **500** (e.g., via central sync module **310**), where it can be accessed by a video feed system **800** and displayed by a video display **802** of video feed system **800**. In some embodiments, the image data can be accessed from base station **300** and displayed by a remote device such as, for example, group monitoring device **400** and/or analysis device **600**. Such image data may be displayed in any format, such as, for example, as images, or as metrics derived therefrom.

In some exemplary embodiments, video feed system **800** includes a video feed camera **804**. Video feed camera **804** can also be trained on playing field **30** to record image data. This image data can be transmitted to web server system **500** to be retrieved for later viewing by video display **802** of video feed system **800**.

Image data recorded by camera monitoring system **700** and/or video feed system can be accessed from web server system **500** by analysis device **600** and displayed on display **602** of analysis device **600**.

In some exemplary embodiments, camera monitoring system **700** can be used to determine positions of individuals **10** and/or sports objects **40**. Image data generated by camera monitoring system **700** can be received by base station **300** and analyzed to determine positions of individuals **10** and/or other objects/areas of interest (e.g., sports objects **40**). Camera monitoring system **700** can be used in this way to replace or supplement position sensor **208**, and may be particularly useful for determining position in an indoor area or an area that otherwise receives no (or a weak) GPS or other positioning signal.

In some exemplary embodiments, image data generated by camera monitoring system **700** can be overlaid or identified with data and metrics described herein. In such an embodiment the image data may be displayed synchronously with the data and metrics by or in conjunction with a display device (e.g., group monitoring device **400** or analysis device **600**). This can help correlate data and metrics with actual images of individuals **10** and/or sports objects **40**.

In some embodiments, as described above, one or more metrics may be based on a determination of position of individual **10** and/or sports object **40** with respect to a playing field or feature thereof. For example, in some embodiments location signals (e.g., signals generated by position modules **216**) are correlated with positions on playing field **30** using GPS data, where the GPS coordinates of the playing field are

known by group monitoring system **100**. Also for example, in some embodiments location signals are correlated with positions on playing field using relative location data (e.g., data representing a relative location with respect to a reference, which may be, for example, base station **300** or some other stationary beacon connected thereto), where the relative position of the playing field is known by group monitoring system **100**. In some embodiments, the position of the playing field becomes known to group monitoring system by being defined by a user.

In some embodiments, a portable system component (e.g., an individual monitor **200**, an object monitor **250**, or group monitoring device **400**) can be used to define the playing field (which may be, for example, a soccer field, a racing track, or other area). For example, in a field definition mode, display **402** of group monitoring device **400** or other administrative device may display an instruction to locate a position sensor at a first location on a playing field. For example, as shown in FIG. **78**, display **402** may instruct a user to locate a position sensor at a mid-line location of a soccer field. Display **402** may display a graphical representation of the playing field **30**, with an instruction marker **32** showing the user the location at which to position the sensor. The user may position the group monitoring device **400** at the location on the playing field corresponding to the displayed location, and may optionally provide input through input **404** of group monitoring device **400** to indicate that the group monitoring device **400** is positioned at the instructed location. Alternatively or additionally, in some embodiments, the user of group monitoring device **400** may direct an associated other portable device (e.g., an individual monitor **200** or object monitor **250** carried by another person) communicatively connected to the group monitoring device to the location on the playing field corresponding to the displayed location, and may optionally provide input through input **404** of group monitoring device **400** to indicate that the associated other portable device is positioned at the instructed location. Group monitoring device **400** may then receive position data identifying the location of the position sensor, and may define this position data as corresponding to the instructed location. As noted, such position data may be determined based on UPS data or data representing relative location with respect to a reference).

Display **402** of group monitoring device **400** may then display an instruction to locate the position sensor at additional locations on the playing field **30**, which can be defined similarly as described for the first. For example, as shown in FIG. **78**, display **402** may depict a confirmation marker **34** showing that the first point has been defined, and may show an instruction marker **32** showing the user a second location to be defined (e.g., a first corner of a soccer field). Display **402** of group monitoring device **400** may continue to show additional instructions to define additional locations on the playing field **30** (see, e.g., FIG. **80**, showing four confirmation markers **34** indicating four defined positions, and one instruction marker **32** indicating a final position to be defined). The positions of the various defined locations may together define the playing field.

Group monitoring system **100** may be applied as described to define any playing field or other area, whether regular or irregular in shape. For example, group monitoring system **100** can be used to define a soccer field, tennis court, running track, football field, basketball court, baseball field, golf course, ski slope, or mountain bike track. The number of positions needed to fully define a playing field **30** may vary and may depend on the geometry of the playing field to be defined. For example, a typical soccer field (or other symmetrical rectangular-shaped field) can be considered fully

defined with a minimum of three positions defined (e.g., three corners where the fourth corner can be determined based on the location of the defined three corners). The minimum positions needed to fully define a playing field **30** may increase with increasing geometric complexity of the field shape as well as the extent and geometric complexity of field features to be defined. In some cases, defining some field features may be optional, or may be determined by group monitoring system based on known relationships with defined positions.

For example, defining a baseball field or golf course may involve defining a greater number of positions than does defining a soccer field or tennis court. For example, when defining a baseball field, it may be desired to define its field of play (which is often irregular and can vary from field to field), its foul lines, its base positions, its warning track, and its boundary between infield and outfield. When defining a soccer field or tennis court, simply defining three corners of the field or court may be sufficient for group monitoring system to determine remaining field features. Group monitoring system **100** may instruct definition of the minimum positions needed, or of more than the minimum positions needed (including optional positions). Defining more than the minimum number of positions needed may increase the accuracy of the field definition. Further, group monitoring system **100** may instruct definition of the same position once, or more than once. Defining the same position more than once may increase the accuracy of the definition of that position, thereby increasing the accuracy of the field definition.

Once defined or otherwise obtained, a playing field may be saved in a storage medium of any system component (e.g., group monitoring device **400**, base station **300**, web server system **500**). Attributes of the defined field may be saved in association therewith. For example, a field save screen is depicted on display **402** of group monitoring device **400** in FIG. **81**. The field save screen includes fields for a user to input a field name, the field dimensions, the field location, the field playing surface, and any desired notes about the field. In some embodiments, certain field attributes may be determined by group monitoring system **100** (e.g., via a system component such as, for example, group monitoring device **400**). For example, once a field is defined, group monitoring system **100** may calculate its dimensions or location (e.g., using GPS data).

As described above, group monitoring system **100** is portable, so it can be transported between and used at different areas during different sessions of athletic activity. The ability of group monitoring system **100** to define a new playing field and monitor activity thereon facilitates this portability. For example, the same group monitoring system **100** can be used to monitor training sessions at a team's training facility, at the team's home playing field, and at the playing fields of opposing teams visited by the team on the road. Each different field can be defined as described above. This facilitates use of group monitoring system **100** across different playing fields, and gives trainers **20** the ability to keep a consistent, repeatable set of measurements even when sessions of athletic activity occur at different locations (e.g., over the course of a season). Many conventional monitoring technologies require fixed installations, which prevents trainers from collecting data or requires them to use different technologies during a session of athletic activity away from their installation (e.g., when they are traveling).

In some embodiments, once group monitoring system **100** receives signals from individual monitors **200** or object monitors **250** monitoring individuals **100** or sports objects **40** in motion on the defined playing field, group monitoring system **100** may determine the type of playing surface of the defined

field, based on the character of motion signals received from the individual monitors **200** or object monitors **250**. For example, an object monitor **250** monitoring a sports object **40** traveling toward the ground at a given speed may sense different impact characteristics for the sports object **40** upon its striking the ground depending on the type of field, and may determine the type of field based on these characteristics. For example, a duration of impact may be shorter and bounce height may be higher for a hard-surfaced playing field (e.g., clay, hardwood, or asphalt) than for a soft-surfaced playing field (e.g., grass, sand). Also for example, an individual monitor **200** monitoring an individual **10** running on the ground may sense different impact characteristics for the footfalls of the individual **10** depending on the type of field, and may determine the type of field based on these characteristics.

In some embodiments, instead of or in addition to defining a field based on a plurality of positions, a playing field can be defined by lines that correspond to a path moved by a portable system component along boundaries of the playing field. The definition of such lines can be effected similarly as described above with respect to the definition of positions relative to the playing field. A line-based definition technique may be beneficial, for example, in defining fields having complex or non-standard shapes.

Saved fields may be stored and re-used, and may be shared or sold (e.g., via a website or social networking service, as described elsewhere herein). In some embodiments, group monitoring system **100** can download data representing a pre-defined field (e.g., via a system component, such as, for example, group monitoring device **400**). Data defining such pre-defined fields may be available for download from, for example, a database, or directly from another user or website. Such pre-defined fields may have been defined previously by, for example, a user of the same or a different group monitoring system **100**, or of any other suitable system (e.g., a position-recording or surveying system). In some embodiments, group monitoring system **100** can provide an interface to search for data representing a particular pre-defined field (e.g., via group monitoring device **400**), or may suggest download of data representing particular pre-defined fields based on the position of one or more system components. For example, if base station **300** is determined to have GPS coordinates proximate to those of Playing Field A, where data representing Playing Field A is pre-defined and available for download by group monitoring system **100**, group monitoring system **100** may suggest such download (e.g., via an interface of, for example, group monitoring device **400**), thereby eliminating the need to re-define Playing Field A before holding a session of athletic activity thereon.

A metric may be a representation of data indicative of a characteristic of individual **10** or sports object **40** sensed as described above, or may be a representation of a characteristic derived from such data. In general, group monitoring system **100** can operate as a multi-level analysis tool. In an exemplary embodiment, group monitoring system **100** can use signals from an accelerometer, GPS sensor, electrocardiograph (ECG), gyroscope, clock, and magnetometer to directly determine data indicating position, orientation, activity, and time related to each monitored individual **10** or sports object **40**, as well as data indicating heart rate of an individual **10** monitored by an individual monitor **200** or interacting with a sports object **40** monitored by an object monitor **250**. This data can be processed to calculate metrics including mechanical power, mechanical power zones, speed, speed zones, metabolic power, metabolic power zones, motion state, and distance. These metrics can be processed in conjunction with values indicating time, mass of each individual **10** and/or

sports object **40**, and motion state of each individual **10** and/or sports object **40**, to calculate metrics including fatigue, training impact (TRIMPS), acceleration zones, acceleration work, efficiency, total distance, and acceleration.

In some embodiments, group monitoring system **100** may determine two or more metrics measuring the same characteristic in a different way. For example, group monitoring system **100** may provide a training load metric based on a number of different metrics. Conventionally, distance is used as a measure of training load, and distance can be used in this way by group monitoring system **100**. However, sports like soccer and basketball that involve frequent starts and stops demand quick accelerations, decelerations, and changes in direction such that a training load metric based solely on distance may not be accurate. Thus, in addition to, or as an alternative to determining a training load metric based on distance, group monitoring system **100** can determine training load using heart rate, speed, acceleration, and power. These movements contribute significantly to the load an athlete experiences in training, and may better represent actual training load. By analyzing training load by using a variety of metrics trainers are able to determine and understand total training load much more accurately.

As described herein, group monitoring system **100** can determine data about sensed characteristics from multiple sources (sensors), can process this data to determine metrics, and can output representations of such metrics to an observer (e.g., trainer **20**). The data can represent characteristics of an individual that are unobservable, and the volume of such data can be so great (e.g., millions of data points) as to be effectively uninterpretable by a person (e.g., trainer **20**). As described, group monitoring system **100** can process and present this data to a user in an observable and interpretable manner, even combining data streams from different sources, thus providing the user with greater insight and knowledge about the monitored activity and monitored individuals **10** than would be possible otherwise. This can help the trainer understand how their training is impacting an individual **10**'s ability to perform.

For example, group monitoring system **100** may monitor data streams representing heart rate, power, speed, distance, acceleration, and position on a playing field. By combining these data streams and basing calculations on more than just a single data stream, group monitoring system can determine and output representations of new insights such as, for example, intensity and efficiency of an individual **10** or group thereof. Display **402** of group monitoring device **400** can display such representations in real time, thus enabling trainers to act on these insights during a training session to ensure that they are meeting their training goals.

For example, heart rate is a measure of the body's response to training. During a training session, a trainer can use a live dashboard (e.g., displayed on display **402**) to monitor heart rate recovery, making sure not to begin the next training

interval until the majority of athletes are ready (i.e., their heart rates have sufficiently recovered).

Also for example, power is a measure of how hard a person is working. Power training is widely used in cycling where it has been possible to measure by putting a meter on the bike. Sensors and algorithms in group monitoring system **100** will facilitate the determination of power in other sports (e.g., soccer).

Also for example, by combining power and heart rate, trainers are provided a complete picture of how hard a monitored individual is working and how their body is responding to the work. This combination of metrics allows coaches to look at the overall efficiency of the individual. Individuals that are putting out more work per heart beat are in better condition (i.e., more efficient).

Also for example, speed is typically used as a measure of intensity. Speed is an important part of many athletic activities. By monitoring an individual's speed a trainer can see if the individual is training at a target level (e.g., a level considered to correspond to success in a game). When a trainer plans a speed training session he or she can customize a live dashboard (e.g., displayed on display **402**) to view speed-related data including peak speed, average speed, and number of high intensity sprints. The ability to manage speed training carefully can help prevent overtraining and can reduce the risk of injury.

Also for example, distance covered has long been a reference for training volume. The distance an individual covers (e.g., runs) during a session of athletic activity (e.g., a game or scrimmage) can vary. A real time measure of distance covered can allow a trainer to set individual or team targets for distance and ensure that all individuals have reached the target. At the end of a session of athletic activity the trainer can refer to the live dashboard to check distance covered. Individuals that fell short of the target may be instructed to continue to run.

Also for example, acceleration (including deceleration) can be a significant measure of performance. Acceleration can be important in sports where rapid change of direction is required. Understanding the rate and frequency of acceleration can influence a determination of overall training load.

Also for example, knowledge of position on the field may allow a trainer to see where the monitored individuals are or have been on the field. This can promote insights into tactical movements of the players. As described above, such positioning can be shown on a map, for instance a heat map, where positions are determined using GPS.

Though particular metrics have been described above in the context of the described exemplary embodiments, these particular metrics are exemplary only, and other metrics besides those particularly disclosed may be used in the described exemplary embodiments. Examples of metrics are presented below in Table 1. Such metrics may apply to individual **10**, sports object **40**, or both.

TABLE 1

Metric Examples
Acceleration
Epoch acceleration (mean accelerometer output over defined epoch)
Peak acceleration (maximum positive acceleration for a defined period)
Peak acceleration trend (plot of peak positive acceleration as a function of successive defined periods)
Average acceleration (mean positive acceleration for a defined period)
Average acceleration trend (plot of average acceleration as a function of successive defined periods)
Deceleration
Peak deceleration (maximum negative acceleration for a defined period)

TABLE 1-continued

Metric Examples
Peak deceleration trend (plot of peak negative acceleration as a function of successive defined periods)
Acceleration zones (accumulated time spent in defined acceleration zones)
Collision impact (e.g., energy absorbed)
Training impact/TRIMPS (heart rate- or power-based)
Activity type
Step rate
Stride length
Time of ground contact (e.g., per step, or for a defined period)
Heart rate
Individual heart rate zones
Heart rate recovery
Heart rate recovery assessment (rate of recovery)
Location and Orientation (coordinate location, may be relative to base station) (e.g., x, y, z)
Location and Orientation (heat map) (e.g., 2 dimensional histogram of position)
Location and Orientation (movement path) (e.g., 2 dimensional time series plot)
Location and Orientation (relative to playing field) (e.g., standing, falling, laying down)
Location and Orientation (relative to playing field) (e.g., facing opposing goal)
Location and Orientation (relative to athletic activity equipment) (e.g., facing ball)
Location and Orientation (heading, absolute, relative to Earth) (e.g., facing east)
Location and Orientation (on-field spacing)
Location and Orientation (distance between individuals and/or objects)
Speed
Peak speed (maximum speed for a defined period)
Peak speed trend (plot of peak speed as a function of successive defined periods)
Average speed (mean speed for a defined period, may discount speeds below a defined threshold to account for non-mobile time)
Average speed trend (plot of average speed as a function of successive defined periods)
Speed zones (accumulated time spent in defined speed zones)
Distance traveled
Vertical displacement (time off of ground)
Vertical displacement (height)
Work (training load) (e.g., intensity over time; may take into account a combination of, for example, distance, number of sprints, number of accelerations/decelerations, time in speed zones, time in acceleration zones, body weight)
Work (mechanical work) (e.g., energy required to move individual through a distance)
Work (power/intensity) (e.g., rate of doing work, power delivered, energy converted from chemical to mechanical)
Work (energy expenditure) (e.g., energy used to deliver mechanical work)
Work (efficiency) (e.g., ratio between energy expended and work; may account for state of body resulting from, for example, mental state, sleep, diet)
Power (constant power) (e.g., lactate threshold assessment, ventilatory threshold assessment)
Power (power output) (e.g., related to distance or acceleration)
Power (relative power output) (e.g., normalized to an individual's constant power at a point in time)
Power (acceleration)
Power (relative training impact) (e.g., cumulative power delivered over time, weighted by zones or activities)
Power (calories) (e.g., metabolic consumption, energy expenditure) (e.g., based on heart rate and accelerometry)
Power (activity)
Efficiency/performance effectiveness (relative efficiency) (mechanical power generated divided by metabolic energy consumption, e.g., normalized based on a known maximum state)
Efficiency/performance effectiveness (linear running efficiency) (e.g., efficiency of forward power vs. total power)
Efficiency/performance effectiveness (absolute efficiency) (e.g., ratio of absolute mechanical work to calories)
Fatigue (physiologic response to training load, measure of total work done) (e.g., change in EMG (electromyography) wavelet frequency, summed calorie rate consumption vs. expected standard, change in accelerometer spectral content, decay in sprint speeds, lengthening recovery times, change in heart rate recovery after exertion)
Core body temperature
Respiration rate
Running based Anaerobic Sprint Test (RAST)
Multi-stage fitness test performance (also known as the Yo-yo test or beep test)
Maximal oxygen consumption (also known as VO ₂ max)
Perceived exertion

TABLE 1-continued

Metric Examples
X meter sprint performance (where X is a defined distance)
Blood lactate level
Rotation rate
Rotation plane
Trajectory
Launch angle
Flight time
Reaction time
Impact force

The metrics described herein can relate to an individual (such as individual **10**), a base station (such as base station **300**), any relevant athletic equipment (such as, for example, sports object **40**), or other persons or objects to the extent possible, necessary, or desired. The metrics described herein are exemplary, and other metrics besides those disclosed, herein are useable with the present invention, as would be appreciated by one of skill in the art.

The present invention has been described above by way of exemplary embodiments. Accordingly, the present invention should not be limited by any of the above-described exemplary embodiments, but should be defined only in accordance with the following claims and their equivalences.

What is claimed is:

1. A group monitoring device for monitoring a plurality of individuals engaged in an athletic activity, the device comprising:

a display configured to display, during an athletic activity: a metric relating to each of a plurality of individuals engaged in the athletic activity, and

a status of a system component used to monitor the athletic activity; and

an input configured to allow manipulation of the display, wherein the status is displayed in response to the status passing a system alert threshold and corresponds to an alert indication on a remote monitor.

2. The device of claim **1**, wherein the system component is a component remote from the display.

3. The device of claim **1**, wherein the system component is a base station.

4. The device of claim **1**, wherein the system component is an individual monitor.

5. The device of claim **1**, wherein the system component is an object monitor.

6. The device of claim **1**, wherein the system component is a sensor in communication with an individual monitor.

7. The device of claim **1**, wherein the system component is a sensor in communication with an object monitor.

8. The device of claim **1**, wherein the status is an indication of remaining battery power of a battery of the system component.

9. The device of claim **8**, wherein the system component is a base station.

10. The device of claim **8**, wherein the system component is an individual monitor coupled to an individual engaged in the athletic activity.

11. The device of claim **8**, wherein the system component is an object monitor coupled to a sports object.

12. The device of claim **1**, wherein the status is an indication of a number of remote monitors docked at a base station.

13. The device of claim **1**, wherein the status is an indication of a GPS signal strength at a remote monitor.

14. The device of claim **13**, wherein the remote monitor is an individual monitor coupled to an individual engaged in the athletic activity.

15. The device of claim **13**, wherein the remote monitor is an object monitor coupled to a sports object.

16. The device of claim **1**, wherein the status is an indication of proper operation of the system component.

17. The device of claim **16**, wherein the system component is an individual monitor coupled to a sensor of a monitor garment, and

wherein an indication of improper operation indicates improper fit of the sensor garment on an individual.

18. The device of claim **1**, wherein the status is an indication of proper placement of the system component.

19. The device of claim **1**, wherein the alert indication is an illuminated light coupled to the remote monitor.

20. The device of claim **1**, wherein the system component is associated with an individual, and

wherein the status of the system component is displayed simultaneously with a performance metric relating to the individual.

21. A method for monitoring a plurality of individuals engaged in an athletic activity, the method comprising:

displaying, during the athletic activity, a plurality of metrics relating to a plurality of individuals engaged in the athletic activity; and

displaying, during the athletic activity, a status of a system component used to monitor the athletic activity,

wherein the status is displayed in response to the status passing a system alert threshold and corresponds to an alert indication on a remote monitor, and

wherein at least one of the displaying the plurality of metrics and the displaying the status of the system component is performed using at least one processor.

22. A non-transitory computer program product comprising computer-useable medium having computer program logic recorded thereon that, when executed by one or more processors, provides to a user performance information related to an athletic activity engaged in by a plurality of individuals, the computer program logic comprising:

first computer-readable program code that enables a processor to display, during the athletic activity, a plurality of metrics relating to a plurality of individuals engaged in the athletic activity; and

second computer-readable program code that enables a processor to display, during the athletic activity, a status of a system component used to monitor the athletic activity,

wherein the status is displayed in response to the status passing a system alert threshold and corresponds to an alert indication on a remote monitor, and

wherein at least one of the displaying the plurality of metrics and the displaying the status of the system component is performed using at least one processor.

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23. A group monitoring device for monitoring a plurality of individuals engaged in an athletic activity, the device comprising:

a display configured to display, during the athletic activity, a plurality of metrics relating to a plurality of individuals engaged in the athletic activity, each metric relating to one of the plurality of individuals; and

an input configured to allow manipulation of the display, wherein a metric of the plurality of metrics is a relative metric that provides an indication of relative power of the associated individual, and

wherein the relative power is an indication of power output of the associated individual relative to a personal reference power output of the associated individual.

24. The device of claim **23**, wherein the relative metric provides an indication of efficiency of the associated individual.

25. The device of claim **24**, wherein the indication of efficiency is based on the relative power of the associated individual in comparison to a heart rate of the associated individual.

26. The device of claim **23**, wherein the relative power metric associated with the first associated individual is displayed simultaneously with a relative power metric associated with a second associated individual.

27. A method for monitoring a plurality of individuals engaged in an athletic activity, the method comprising:

displaying, during the athletic activity, a plurality of metrics relating to a plurality of individuals engaged in the athletic activity, each metric relating to one of the plurality of individuals, wherein a metric of the plurality of metrics is a relative metric, and wherein the relative metric provides an indication of a level of performance of its associated individual relative to personal ability of the associated individual; and

determining a reference value for the relative metric based on a calibration assessment activity, wherein the relative metric is based on the reference value,

wherein at least one of the displaying the plurality of metrics and the determining the reference value is performed using at least one processor.

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28. A non-transitory computer program product comprising computer-useable medium having computer program logic recorded thereon that, when executed by one or more processors, provides to a user performance information related to an athletic activity engaged in by a plurality of individuals, the computer program logic comprising:

computer-readable program code that enables a processor to display, during the athletic activity, a plurality of metrics relating to a plurality of individuals engaged in the athletic activity, each metric relating to one of the plurality of individuals, wherein a metric of the plurality of metrics is a relative metric, and wherein the relative metric provides an indication of a level of performance of its associated individual, relative to personal ability of the associated individual; and

computer-readable program code that enables a processor to determine a reference value for the relative metric based on a calibration assessment activity, wherein the relative metric is based on the reference value.

29. A group monitoring device for monitoring a plurality of individuals engaged in an athletic activity, the device comprising:

a display configured to display, during the athletic activity, a plurality of metrics relating to a plurality of individuals engaged in the athletic activity, each metric relating to one of the plurality of individuals; and

an input configured to allow manipulation of the display, wherein a metric of the plurality of metrics is a relative metric, and

wherein the relative metric provides an indication of efficiency of its associated individual.

30. The device of claim **29**, wherein the indication of efficiency is based on relative power of the associated individual in comparison to a heart rate of the associated individual.

31. The device of claim **29**, wherein the relative metric associated with the first associated individual is displayed simultaneously with a relative metric associated with a second associated individual.

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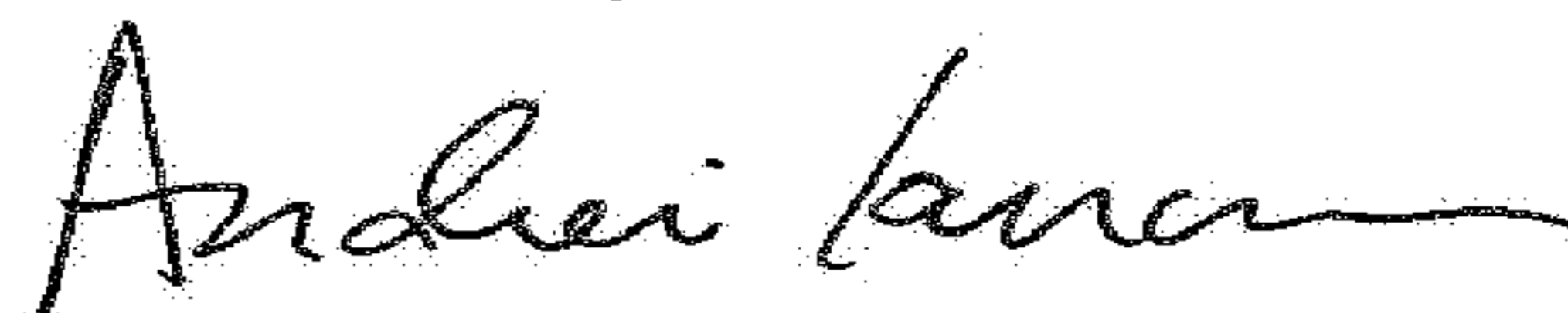
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